



# POWERLINES

FMNZ Contractors are currently (no pun intended) undertaking a large volume of harvesting work near powerlines.

The response after two serious incidents recently that brought live powerlines down, one by a felled tree and the other by an excavator, have shown that there is a very real risk of someone getting seriously hurt or killed by electrocution.



Make sure everyone in your crew is aware of the risks and understands the following points to control them in the event of an incident involving powerlines:

- Stay well away from downed lines and anything the lines may be touching and warn others of the danger.
- Fast contact (within 15 minutes) with the power company ensures they won't attempt to re-liven lines.
- Stay in your vehicle or machine, if you must evacuate for other safety reasons, e.g. fire, jump well clear keeping your feet together and arms tucked in.



*Before undertaking any work around powerlines ensure the correct permits are on site and during operations ensure your contact information is up to date*

**LOOK UP  
AND LIVE!**

