

## Risks When Angling in Close Proximity to Overhead Electric Power Lines - Guidance for Anglers



Every year cases are reported of angling equipment contacting overhead electric power lines. Some have resulted in horrific burn injuries and even death.

With the increasing development of fishing rods and poles, there is a risk of accidental contact with overhead electric power lines.

### Remember:

- Overhead electric power lines are difficult to see at night and against a dark or light background.
- Lethal electric currents can pass through almost all fishing rods and poles.
- Overhead electric power lines are often uninsulated (bare) and can carry high voltages.
- Electricity can jump gaps.
- Overhead electric power lines on wood poles often look like telephone wires.
- Keep a careful look out for overhead electric power lines and keep away.
- Observe warning signs and instructions even in the car park or roadside.
- Unpack, set up and put away your rod or pole at the waters edge.
- Report any dangerous situation or near miss to the fishery owner or local electricity company.

**Don't risk being injured**  
**LOOK UP AND LOOK BEHIND YOU**  
**Follow a few simple rules and stay safe**