

Daily Toolbox Talk

Topic: Overhead Powerlines

Date:

Location:

Lead by:

Don't be afraid to ask a worker to lead or help lead a toolbox talk. Variety helps to engage your audience.

Information

- Always survey and inspect your worksite to ensure you are aware of all overhead powerlines in the area.
- Use visual warning signs to indicate work around overhead powerlines.
- Always maintain a safe limit of approach distance of 7 metres.
- Employers must contact utility company if equipment is to be operated within 7 meters of an overhead powerline in order to determine the voltage of the powerline.
- Ensure that earth or materials are not placed beside or under an overhead powerline if doing so reduces the safe clearance to less than the safe limit of approach distance.
- Use a qualified spotter when operating equipment around overhead powerlines.
- Never touch a fall powerline and always maintain a safe distance
- Do not touch a machine that has contacted an overhead powerline.
- If an operator has contacted an overhead powerline, the operator should not leave the vehicle unless. Contact emergency and utility companies immediately.

Your Workplace

Why is the company talking about this today?

Has there been a recent incident involving powerlines?

What equipment on your worksite might come into contact with overhead powerlines?

What procedures are in place if contact is made with an overhead powerline?

Choose the information that is directly relevant to your company.

Ensure you know and understand the material, don't just read off the paper.

Questions for Workers

Find questions to engage workers

What is the safe distance required for equipment from overhead powerlines?

What are the company procedures for working around powerlines?

Have questions that will directly engage the workers. Make them think of scenarios where they would apply the current topic.

Employee Suggestions

What do you suggest?

Allow workers to make suggestions or comments about the topic.

Follow Up

Action items:

Is there extra research that needs to be done to answer questions or suggestions? Set a deadline to complete this and be sure to bring the information back to the workers

Assigned to:

Due date:

Additional Legislation



Alberta Occupational Health & Safety Code
Part 17, Schedule 4

B.C Workers Compensation Act Occupational Health & Safety Regulation
Part 19, Section 19.24 – 19.28

Manitoba Workplace Safety & Health Regulation
Part 25

Saskatchewan Occupational Health & Safety Regulation
Part 15, Section 465 -466

US OSHA
Regulation for Construction 1926.1408

