

>> Safety Tips - Trees and Power Lines

Contact with, or proximity to electrical power lines or equipment can lead to a fatality or life-altering injury.

In Newfoundland and Labrador, operators of equipment with the capacity to come in contact with overhead or underground power lines must have completed an approved Power Line Hazards course and permits are required when working within 5.5 meters (18 feet) of energized power lines.

Newfoundland Power, the Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Safety Association (NLCSA), and other partners in the Contact Prevention Working Group have produced the following resources which should be reviewed with all workers who work near power lines and/or are responsible for cutting, pruning or felling trees:



Working Near Power Lines: Construction, Maintenance and Vegetation

(Brochure – available for [download](#) from www.nlcsa.com under Member Resource Library > Toolbox Talks)

This brochure discusses:

- The need to plan your work and call the electrical utility before you start working overhead or digging in any area where energized power lines may be present.
- The proper use of aerial lifts, portable ladders and scaffolding.
- What to do in an emergency.

Trees and Power Lines Fact Sheet

(2-page fact sheet – available for [download](#) from www.nlcsa.com under Member Resource Library > Toolbox Talks)

This fact sheet discusses:

- The need to assume that all power lines are energized.
- Calling the electrical utility before you start working on trees near power lines.
- The eight (8) key causes of harm while pruning or felling trees.
- Proper training and personal protective equipment.
- Checking your work area before felling a tree.

A series of six (6) ‘Get Home Alive’ Power Line Safety posters are also available for [download](#) from www.nlcsa.com under Resource Library > Posters.

The above noted brochure, fact sheet, and posters are part of the Contact Prevention Working Group’s ‘Get Home Alive’ campaign. Information contained in the brochure and fact sheet is meant as a guide only. For the most recent information on power line hazards, consult the Newfoundland & Labrador Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

Complete and attach Toolbox Meeting Form and process as per company policy.



TOOLBOX MEETING FORM

Date: _____ Project: _____

Supervisor: _____ No. in Crew: _____ No. Attending: _____

Review Last Meeting:

	Names of Attendees (Signature Required)
Topics Discussed (policies, practices, procedures, hazard assessment):	
Suggestions Offered:	
Action(s) to be Taken:	
Injuries/Accidents Reviewed:	

Supervisor's Remarks: _____

Signature: _____