

A TIMELY REMINDER TREES & YOUR POWER SUPPLY

Issued in accordance with Regulation 5 of the
Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003

DANGER OF TREES NEAR POWER LINES

Trees which come into contact with live power lines are a serious hazard having the potential to cause injury or even death by electrocution.

If a person is near or touches a tree made "live" by a power line they could receive an electric shock.

Trees in windy or stormy conditions can cause power cuts. Your power supply may be disrupted when trees or branches break damaging poles, power lines or other structures. Similarly when conditions are dry, trees near power lines can be responsible for serious fires.

CUTTING TREES NEAR POWER LINES

Cutting and trimming trees in the vicinity of live power lines is dangerous, and not a DIY job.

The **minimum safe approach distance** (NZECP 34:2001, Section 9.2.1) of four metres from live power lines must be observed and in the interest of public safety, Scanpower will manage this distance as the **Vegetation Control Zone** to exclude all but Scanpower Approved Contractors.

Cutting and trimming trees in the Vegetation Control Zone is dangerous and can result in serious injury or death. On the Scanpower network; only a Scanpower Approved Contractor may operate around "live" power lines in the Vegetation Control Zone.

If you plan to cut or trim trees near your low voltage service line (400V/230V) on the Scanpower network, you can contact us to either disconnect your power before starting work or refer you to an approved contractor fully qualified and experienced in tree trimming around live power lines.

Remember! Look up and keep safe.
With Scanpower, your locally owned Electricity Distributor.

For further information about trees and your power supply contact Scanpower on:

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ZONES

The Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003 stipulate the exact distances for which trees may encroach near power lines before notification by Scanpower to advise tree owners of their obligations.

The Growth Limit Zone is the minimum distance from any power line that must be clear of trees and other vegetation.

A Tree Cut & Trim notice will be issued to a tree owner where Scanpower becomes aware of a tree which encroaches into the Growth Limit Zone.

The Notice Zone is the space which extends a distance not exceeding one metre beyond the Growth Limit Zone.

A Hazard Warning notice may be issued to a tree owner where Scanpower becomes aware of a tree which encroaches into the Notice Zone.

The Notice Zone

High Voltage 11kV

2.6 metres

Low Voltage 400V / 230V

1.5 metres

The Growth Limit Zone

High Voltage 11kV

1.6 metres

Low Voltage 400V / 230V

0.5 metres

REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR HEAVY FINES

A tree owner commits an offence when a Cut or Trim Notice has been issued and the tree owner fails to arrange for the cutting or trimming of the tree so that it does not encroach the Notice Zone or fails to advise Scanpower of the time, location and contractor for the proposed cutting or trimming (giving a minimum of three working days' notice).

A person who commits an offence may be liable, on summary of conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and if the offence is ongoing a further fine not exceeding \$500 for every day that the offence continues.