



FIRST ALERT

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Potential Public Safety Risk: New Pokemon App

EVENT



A new App was released last week called 'Pokemon Go' which encourages users to locate virtual Pokemon by GPS and "capture" them. See <http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-video-games/pokemon-go/>

The Electric Engineer's Association have reported that a group of youths were recently found trespassing on one of their member company sites – trying to catch Pokemon that were shown on the App as being at that location.

This is a reminder that 'Pokemon Go' could also lead to members of the public being tempted to trespass and put themselves into dangerous situations on Transpower sites.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Please remind workers to ensure they close all gates and doors behind them when going on-site to prevent tailgating, and to be vigilant for any members of the public hovering beside the site, looking to get in.
- We have contacted the Pokemon game maker, Niantic, to request Transpower assets are excluded from the game.
- We have also posted a message on Facebook reminding Pokemon players to stay away from dangerous high voltage environments like our lines, towers, and substations – that they can catch their Pokemon from a safe distance, so there's no need to ever attempt to climb on, or enter, our restricted areas.



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