



Safety Advice 29-2013 (NZ) (Sept)

The EEA is publishing the following statement courtesy of Top Energy to advise the electricity industry concerning a serious harm event involving a member of the public with HV electricity. The full advice follows below

On the evening of Sunday 22 September 2013 there was an incident on the Top Energy network at Motukaraka, near Kohukohu in the Hokianga. This resulted in the death of a member of the public.

A member of the public climbed a Top Energy pole structure and made contact with the live high voltage conductors. Their partner also received electrical burns when they tried to rescue them.

Our thoughts and condolences go to the family at this terrible time.

Our first priority was to make the site safe, and we worked with the police and fire service to do so. We will continue to fully co-operate and assist the police and Energy Safety Services with their enquiries.

We have 32 customers who have been without power overnight that we will work to repair the infrastructure and restore power as quickly as we can when the police clear the site and provide us with access.

Top Energy will be conduct an internal investigation into this incident as it does for all safety related incidents on the network.

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