



## *Safety Advice 04-2002 (NZ)*

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### **POLE ACCIDENT (ILLEGAL PUBLIC ACCESS)**

A nine year old boy climbed up the stay wire (two stay wires set up) of a termination pole on a 33 kV feeder. He touched the live side of a 33 kV lightning arrester and caused a short circuit to the steel cross arm through the earth bond into the ground. He fell down and broke his leg and received burns to his skin. The boy is now in a critical but stable condition in Hamilton Hospital.

The Network owner has engaged an independent electrical safety consultant to investigate this accident.