# Safety notice

**Notice to all network stakeholders**

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## Safe Access To Powerco Assets

**Incident: Contractor slipped and fell when climbing a wooden fence to access a Powerco asset.**

Background:

- IP was climbing over a wooden fence to access a Powerco asset, when their foot slipped on the railing, causing them to fall to the ground, injuring their shoulder and neck.
- There was no access gate or stile – it is believed the property owner may have constructed the fence to ensure separation between livestock and the asset.
- A combination of wet boots due to walking through paddock grass. And moss on the wood fence led to a loss of traction from the IP's safety boots.

**Picture 1:** Powerco asset in fully fenced off area, with no safe access point.

**ACTION:**

- Please inform Powerco of any assets that are unsafe to access in their current state, and record as a Hazard in Safety Manager.
- Please assess access when planning tasks and use safety critical equipment and three points of contact as needed.

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