



Safety Advice 12-2012 (Oct)(NZ)

During the process of carrying out an 11kV overhead line repair to a broken conductor, a line mechanic working on behalf of PowerNet Limited contacted a live 11kV overhead line while working off a ladder at the top of a pole structure and fell to the ground below. The injuries sustained during the contact with the live 11kV overhead line, and the fall, were fatal. The overhead line was of standard 11kV construction.

A full joint investigation is underway by PowerNet Limited and its contractor. The investigation is not complete as of 9 November 2012. PowerNet is assisting the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment with its investigation into this tragic accident.

A further update will be provided to the industry once the investigation is completed.

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