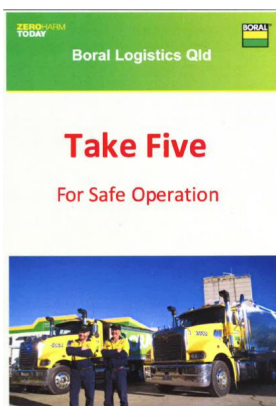


Workplace Safety:

Tipping near overhead powerlines

There will be times when a delivery will have to be made to a job site where overhead power lines are going to be a cause for concern. If you ever are delivering to a site where overhead power lines are present there are a few precautions that will need to be done before tipping can begin:

- Ensure a **Take 5 for Safe Operation** is conducted at every new delivery site (or when a tip off area has been relocated on an existing site) to ensure all potential hazards are identified and that controls have been put in place.
- **Tipping within 3 metres of any overhead service is PROHIBITED** (unless a qualified spotter is in place and the driver has completed the certified training).
- Do not commence tipping if it is unsafe to do so.
- Ensure that the tipper body is fully lowered before moving from tip location.
- Ensure that if there is an onsite spotter being used to assist with tipping that positive communication is in place prior to tipping load.
- Even after all of the above has been completed and contact with power lines still occurs, do not exit the vehicle unless it is entirely safe to do so. **In the event you have to exit the vehicle please follow the guidelines on the back of this document**
- **REMEMBER** – Best practice is to always stay a minimum of 3m away from all overhead power lines.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU HIT AN OVERHEAD POWER LINE

If your vehicle contacts overhead power lines **ASSUME YOUR VEHICLE IS LIVE:**

1. Stay calm, **DO NOT EXIT THE VEHICLE.**
2. Advise anyone near you to stay at least 8m away (Qld guidance – check local requirements) from anything touching the power lines.
3. If possible, determine if the vehicle is still in contact with the power lines. This should be done by someone external to the truck, staying a safe distance (8m) away. Never assume the power line is dead after a flash has been observed.
4. If the vehicle **IS NOT** in contact with the lines, drive at least 8m clear of the fallen lines, exit the vehicle and contact the energy supplier (details below) to isolate the power. Maintain a safe exclusion zone around the incident scene until power is isolated.
5. If the vehicle **IS** in contact with the lines, **STAY IN THE VEHICLE** and alert the authorities as below:
 - Call '000' to report "Electrical Wires Down and a Life threatening Situation".
 - Call local energy provider to advise them of incident
6. Remain in the vehicle until the power has been isolated
7. Once a vehicle has come into contact with power lines, there is a risk that the tyres might explode. This risk should be assessed on a case by case basis and may involve isolating the truck for up to 24 hours.

If the vehicle is in contact with live powerlines and you must evacuate due to a life threatening situation e.g. fire, you should take the following actions:

- Jump well clear of the vehicle to avoid contact with the vehicle and the ground at the same time
- Land with both feet together, shuffle with your feet together until you are at least 8 metres from the power lines and anything in contact with them (including the vehicle).
- No one must go within 8 metres of the vehicle until power has been isolated.