

Person hospitalised

High voltage electric shock from powerlines

This alert is issued to inform all persons managing construction sites or working within the construction industry of the dangers of overhead powerlines. This alert follows another incident of a worker making contact with live overhead powerlines.

- On the morning of Monday 30 January a worker on a scaffold received a serious electric shock from the High Voltage overhead powerline adjacent to a construction site in a northern suburb of Melbourne.
- The worker was hospitalised with significant and life threatening injuries.
- The incident is currently under investigation by WorkSafe Victoria and Energy Safe Victoria.
- Builders, contractors and workers are reminded to:
 - identify any overhead powerlines that will be a hazard to those working onsite and to reduce the risks, so far as is reasonably practicable,
 - maintain clearances to overhead powerlines, and
 - if a permit to work is issued by the local power company, comply with all the permit's requirements.

