Checklist



Safe harvest checklist

Before harvest gets busy, take a few minutes to check your property, machinery and plans.

Before you head into the paddock

Know where the poles and powerlines are

Before work starts, check where overhead poles and powerlines run across your property. Use the free Look Up and Live app to help locate powerlines, identify potential hazards and plan safer machinery routes. Don't rely on memory, particularly when working in different paddocks or taking unfamiliar routes. Always check for powerlines on site.

Know your machinery height

Check the height of harvesters, augers, chaser bins, trucks and other equipment, including when anything is raised or extended.

Plan your route

Know where you're going before you set off. Pay particular attention to gateways, fence lines, loading areas and anywhere machinery passes under or near powerlines.

Keep at least 3 metres clear

Keep machinery and equipment at least 3 metres away from overhead powerlines.

Look up before you raise anything

Stop and check for powerlines before raising augers, tipper trays, booms or other equipment.

Stay alert around powerlines

Use a spotter when you need one

A second pair of eyes can help when you're moving large machinery or visibility is poor. The farm safety guide specifically recommends a spotter to help watch for powerlines and blind spots.

Watch the conditions

Dust, glare and low light can make powerlines harder to see. powerlines and poles can also move in strong winds and sag in hot weather.

Consider powerline safety markers

Powercor can help make overhead powerlines easier to see by installing safety markers on suitable powerline across your property. These are particularly useful near paddocks, machinery access routes, gateways and other areas where large equipment operates. Our team can assess suitable locations and arrange installation where appropriate. Remember, markers improve visibility but don't replace the need to maintain safe distances from powerlines.

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Make sure workers know

Brief seasonal workers and contractors
Show them where powerlines are before they start. Point out any high-risk areas and the safest routes around the property.

Tell drivers and visitors too
Truck drivers and contractors may not know your property. Don't assume they know where the powerlines are.

Put powerlines on your farm map
Make powerlines part of your harvest plan and pre-start conversations.

If machinery contacts a powerline

STOP. CALL. STAY.

STOP
what you're doing.

CALL
triple zero (000).

STAY
in the vehicle until you're told it's safe to get out.

Warn everyone else to stay well away from the vehicle and powerlines. The attached material reinforces the same simple emergency sequence: stop, call 000 and stay in the vehicle.

Before you start ask yourself...

- Where are the lines?
- How high is my gear?
- What's my route?
- Can everyone working here see the risk?

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