

# Plan for powerlines

**When operating equipment, make sure you know how to use it safely around powerlines.**

It is really easy for safety incidents to happen when you're using machinery or hand-held equipment near overhead or underground powerlines. You don't actually need to touch the powerlines for these incidents to occur. Sometimes just getting too close with a metal object is all it takes to cause a serious injury or worse.

## Before you start work



### Assess the risks

Understand how the equipment you are using may cause a risk when working around electrical assets.



### Keep your distance

Equipment and machinery can conduct electricity if they come too close to powerlines.



### Apply for a permit

A No Go Zone permit from CitiPower or Powercor is essential before operating machinery around powerlines.



### Before you dig

Visit [byda.com.au](https://byda.com.au) or download the app to check the location of underground power cables in the area.



### Check the weather

Hot and/or windy weather can cause powerlines to sag or sway. And at dusk or dawn, they may be hard to see, particularly on cloudy days.

## Beware of No Go Zones

If you're using cranes, excavators, concrete pumps, elevated work platforms (including scissor lifts) or scaffolding, then you may risk working within a No Go Zone. The No Go Zone provides for minimum safe distances that people and their equipment must maintain when they are working near electricity assets. A permit to work is required if you are working in the No Go Zone. This will detail the conditions you must follow to carry out your work safely.



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