

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



TITLE: Pine tree fell onto powerlines

Number: 113

Background

On 2 October, strong winds have caused a mature pine tree on the plantation boundary to fall onto the adjacent powerline causing smoke and sparks. There were no injuries or damage to machinery/equipment.

This incident was reported to WorkSafe as a dangerous incident as it exposes workers to a serious risk of electric shock.

Key points

- The area was secured, and Western Power notified.
- The trees on the boundary adjacent to the power line were too large to directionally fall with the machinery onsite. An additional fit for purpose machine will be brought on site to remove these trees.