



# STAYING SAFE OUTSIDE

## Water and electricity do not mix

Take special care:

- Never use portable appliances, power tools or extension leads in water or when it is raining.
- Ask an adult to help you check that outdoor power points are weatherproof and suitable for outdoor use. Remember to keep them away from pools, fish ponds and other water sources.
- Check with an adult if your house uses residual current devices (RCDs), and if not, use a portable safety switch when using electrical appliances outdoors.

If you or anyone else feels tingling in your hands and arms when using a tap, tell an adult straight away. They will switch off the power at the main switch and call Horizon Power immediately on 13 23 51.

## Overhead Powerlines

The electrical voltage in your house is 240 volts. The electricity in powerlines and power stations is even more. Remember to always be careful of electricity, even if you think it is a low voltage.

When you are outside, watch out for powerlines. Electricity's main aim is to travel to Earth. It will take whichever path is the quickest to get there. So be careful when flying kites that you stay far away from any powerlines or poles. Do not climb trees or fences if they are near powerlines. If you see a tree growing into a powerline, tell an adult who can make sure the tree is safely cut away from it.

If you see a fallen powerline, never go near it. They may look harmless, but they could be deadly. Always assume that a fallen powerline is live and carrying electricity. Stay safe by keeping well away from them and warn others by telling an adult who will call Horizon Power immediately on 13 23 51.

## Danger signs

Danger signs are used to remind us that some areas outside aren't safe and we need to take extra care. Can you think of where you may have seen some of the signs below?



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## Cyclones & Storms

Summer in the northern part of Western Australia is the time of year when we might experience cyclones. The southern part of Western Australia might experience big storms during winter.

Whichever part of Western Australia you live in, here are some things to do when helping adults get ready for bad weather.

- Ask an adult to check that trees are not growing into powerlines and if they are, arrange for them to be safely cut.
- Check in your front and back yard and put away bikes, toys, chairs, umbrellas and other outdoor equipment so strong winds can't move them around.
- If an adult tells you a big storm or a cyclone is in its way, ask if you have an emergency kit with a radio, torch, spare batteries, water bottles and blankets.
- If a big storm or cyclone is on its way, unplug all electrical equipment in your home home to protect from power surges.
- Report any power emergencies to Horizon Power on 13 23 51, or the State Emergency Services on 132 500.
- When you go outside after a cyclone or big storm, you might see fall powerlines on the ground. Stay far away from the powerlines and tell an adult immediately, so they can call Horizon Power on 13 23 51.

