



SAFETY ALERT

PUBLIC SECTOR INCIDENT ALERTS

WSBC Recent Incidents Link: [Recent incidents - WorkSafeBC](#)

ID Number: 2024178710006

Injury Type: Fatal

Core Activity: Window, gutter, or awning cleaning

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2024-May

When working around electricity, especially near power lines, follow these key safety practices:

1. Look Up and Down: Always plan your work to avoid contact with overhead and underground power lines.
2. Stay Back: Maintain a safe distance from power lines as specified by WorkSafeBC's limits of approach based on the voltage of the line.
3. Call for Help: If you encounter a fallen or exposed power line, stay back 10 metres (33 feet) and call 911 immediately. If your equipment contacts a line, remain calm and stay still until help arrives.

WorkSafeBC General Limits of Approach

Voltage phase to phase	Minimum Distance (metres)	Minimum Distance (feet)
Over 750 V to 75 kV	3	10
Over 75 kV to 250 kV	4.5	15
Over 250 kV to 550 kV	6	20



Additional Resources:

1. [BC Hydro - Working Near Power Lines](#)
2. [WorkSafeBC - Planning Work Around High Voltage Equipment](#)
3. [FortisBC - Power Line Safety](#)