

Irrigation plus electricity can be fatal

Irrigation is an essential part of farming, but mixed with electricity it can be dangerous

Accidental contact between irrigators and overhead power lines is a genuine concern on New Zealand farms, with at least one fatality occurring each year.

Follow our top tips to ensure safety and avoid outages on your farm:

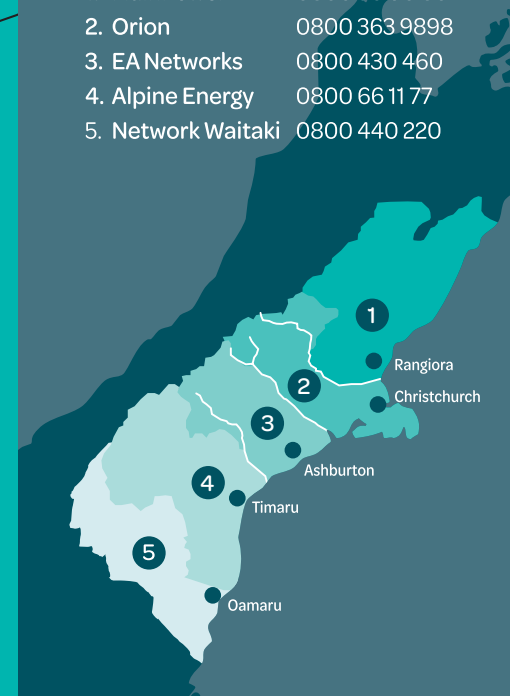
- **Distance** – Keep irrigators at least 4m away, ideally further, from overhead lines
- **Placement** – Ensure jet irrigators and the booms of rotary irrigators are not directed at power lines
- **Movement** – Make sure pipes or metal parts aren't accidentally swung into lines
- **Power** – Treat every electric wire as live at all times
- **Guide wires** – Take care working around the guide wires on electrical poles - bumping these wires can cause the lines to sag.

Irrigation equipment in close proximity of power lines can cause power outages and be fatal for you or your farm staff.



Questions? Contact your local electricity network provider.

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