

Electrical Safety on Farms

1. Dial Before You Dig. There may be buried cables on your farm.
2. Don't work with electrical tools on damp floors or in damp and wet conditions. You're the perfect conductor for electricity so make sure your hands are dry.
3. Plan farm routes for tall equipment so they don't pass under electricity lines.
4. Install Safety Switches in farm buildings or use portable safety switches.
5. Keep switches and wiring out of reach from animals.
6. Take care when loading or unloading four-deck sheep and two-deck cattle transports.
7. Areas where floors are hosed down should have waterproofed electrical equipment. Even dampness can cause electrical shocks.
8. Visually inspect electrical equipment before using to check for damage. Wear and tear happens slowly.
9. Carry long objects like ladders and irrigation pipes horizontally.
10. Never touch a fallen or sagging electricity line. They can be live and extremely dangerous. Immediately call the police.
11. If an electricity line falls on a vehicle while you are in it, stay inside unless the car catches fire. Jump clear with both feet so you don't touch metal and the ground at the same time.