

Staying safe around fallen powerlines

At **SA Power Networks**, safety is our number one priority, and we're asking for your help to keep everyone safe around fallen powerlines.






We've seen cases of first responders – council workers, contractors and emergency responders – rolling up fallen powerlines before our crews arrive. Thankfully, no one has been hurt. **But the risk is real, and the consequences could be life-threatening.**

We're reminding anyone working in the field to **stay well clear and let our trained crews respond.**





What to do if you see a fallen powerline

Fallen or low-hanging powerlines can still be live, even if they don't look dangerous. Electricity can travel through water, metal or nearby objects. That's why we urge you to:

-  Stay **at least 10 metres** away — about the length of a bus
-  Don't touch, move, or try to secure the fallen wire
-  Call **13 13 66** immediately — **we're available 24/7**

Who this message is for

We're particularly calling on those first responders who are most likely to come across fallen infrastructure as part of their work:

-  Council teams
-  Emergency services (SES, CFS, SAPOL, paramedics)
-  Roadside contractors and traffic management crews
-  Utility partners and maintenance workers



Only trained SA Power Networks crews are equipped to safely handle fallen or damaged powerlines