

**3** MOST COMMON **POWERLINE HAZARDS** AT HOME:

**1** Using  
Ladders



**2** Trimming  
Trees



**3** Flying  
Kites



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# LOOK OUT at Home

## Look Out for Overhead Powerlines

### Using Ladders



#### WHAT'S THE RISK ?

Aluminum ladders, or ladders with aluminum parts, will conduct electricity if they contact overhead powerlines. One in five electrocutions that happen at home occur when ladders contact a powerline.

#### Avoid it.

Look Up! Always be aware of overhead powerlines when using ladders. Ladders should always be carried horizontally when moving them from point A to point B.

### Trimming Trees



#### WHAT'S THE RISK ?

Check to ensure that tree limbs are not contacting powerlines – if they are, notify your local hydro company. Cutting and/or contacting powerlines when tree trimming is one of the common ways people contact powerlines at home.

#### Avoid it.

Look Out! Be aware of overhead powerlines that run across your property. Never touch powerlines and never attempt to trim trees around powerlines – leave that to the professionals.

### Flying Kites



#### WHAT'S THE RISK ?

There are two risks here:

1. Some kite strings will conduct electricity if they come into contact with overhead powerlines.
2. Some people attempt to retrieve kites that become tangled in overhead powerlines.

#### Avoid it.

Look Up! Check for overhead powerlines – always choose wide-open spaces away from powerlines. Never attempt to retrieve a kite that becomes tangled in a powerline.