



# THINK BEFORE YOU ~~DIY~~e

Contact NIE Networks on 03457 643 643 in good time to obtain advice if you are planning any project under or near overhead power lines.

# WATCH OUT CABLES ABOUT

Take care when carrying ladders, erecting scaffolding or using mobile work platforms and ensure you stay at least **5 METRES** away from overhead power lines and equipment.



If you're thinking of doing some DIY then plan ahead and stay safe. Whether it's painting, power washing, or trimming trees, whatever you are doing always be aware of overhead power lines, underground cables and other electricity equipment.



Avoid creating a build-up of soil or waste vegetation under overhead power lines and do not burn garden rubbish under overhead powerlines.

If you are having fascia boards replaced and there is electrical surface wiring on the under eaves of the roof, make sure you, or your contractor, contact NIE Networks in good time before starting work.



Check there are no underground cables before you dig or drive stakes in the garden, for instance when erecting a fence or a wall. We can provide cable drawings for your site.

Are there any overhead power lines at the site or attached to the building that you are working on? Be aware of the electricity network when clearing gutters, cleaning high windows or painting the exterior of your home.



Plant trees well away from overhead power lines. Overgrown branches can cause overhead power lines to clash, bring lines down and sometimes cause fires. Do not touch a branch if it is in contact with, or even near to an overhead power line. Contact NIE Networks in good time for advice before starting any tree cutting work.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If someone has received an electric shock there is a chance they may still be in contact with the source of the electricity.

Call for help on 999 or 112 and tell the Emergency Services it is an electrical accident.

Visit [www.nienetworks.co.uk/safety](http://www.nienetworks.co.uk/safety) or contact our Customer Helpline 03457 643 643 for further advice.