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**Important safety information for activity on,
or near, high voltage electricity cables.**

Australian underground utilities such as electricity, gas, telecommunications and water need to be protected to ensure reliable service and safety of the community.

It is important to be aware of these utilities and ensure that they are not damaged. This brochure provides you with important information about APA's high voltage electricity cables.

APA Group (APA) is one of Australia's leading energy infrastructure businesses assisting in the energy transition with gas supply, while also investing in the future with 250 megawatts of solar generation and 342 megawatts of wind generation. We also support the connection of state energy grids on the east coast with 613 kilometres of high voltage electricity cables.

At APA, your safety is our priority. The following important safety information is for those who live or work near or on a high voltage electricity corridor. Please read it and keep it handy for ongoing reference.



When to contact APA Group:

1. When planning work on or near the high voltage electricity cables

- Submit a Before You Dig enquiry (www.byda.com.au) no matter how big or small your project
- If required by the Before You Dig response call us to discuss the details of your works
- Have the works authorised and supervised by APA where required
- Unauthorised work on high voltage electricity cables is not permitted – penalties apply
- Work requiring authorisation includes: fencing, digging, drilling, trenching, construction, drainage work, use of explosives, land levelling or contouring, use of vibrating machinery and moving heavy machinery or loads

2. When planning development or subdivisions near the high voltage electricity cables

Our Urban Planning team is available to advise on ways in which land use, development, and subdivision should respond to high voltage electricity cables. It is important to engage the team early on these matters so you can incorporate any requirements, and avoid delays to your project. Contact apaprotection@apa.com.au.

3. To report unauthorised activity on or near the high voltage electricity cables

Please contact us if you notice any unauthorised work on or near the high voltage electricity cables.

4. To notify change in landholder details

Let us know if there is a change in owner or contact details. We will update our records so we can continue to work effectively with landholders.

5. Crossing the high voltage electricity cables with heavy machinery

Heavy machinery used on or near the high voltage underground electrical corridor, other than on designated roads, has the potential to damage the high voltage underground corridor.

6. If you notice soil movement on or near the underground cable

We have measures in place to detect soil movement, erosion, or stockpiling on or near the cable corridor, but if you notice any such issues please contact us.

FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE CONTACT APA ON 1800 103 452 or apaprotection@apa.com.au

Electrical cable corridors

APA's high voltage electricity cable corridors can look different depending on the location, but in all cases be alert for warning signs. The cable is usually buried underground, but can also be enclosed within raised steel trays (in rail corridor).

Our cables may be in private property, rail corridor or road reserve. Be aware of works near your property boundary as underground cables may be in close proximity. Please make sure you and all workers are aware of the presence of high voltage electricity cables. Keep awareness information displayed in a prominent place, and provide regular reminders to all employees and contractors.

Electrical risks

APA's cables are well insulated and protected, but if the cables are damaged and the interior is exposed they are highly hazardous. Keep well clear of any damaged cables and anything touching the cables. Remember that electricity will be conducted through anything touching the exposed cables, and high voltage electricity can "jump" metres through the air causing electrocution. If you are in a vehicle or on machinery which has damaged cables, **Stay, Call, Wait** (see the last page of this Brochure for further emergency information).



For more information, visit www.apa.com.au



General Enquiry

Contact APA for any enquiries about working on or near the high voltage electricity cables

Freecall
1800 103 452

Email
apaprotection@apa.com.au

Before You Dig

Contact Before You Dig Australia to receive information about the location of underground utilities (including high voltage electricity cables) at your site.

Visit www.byda.com.au



SCAN HERE



Known or suspected electrical cable damage?

Call the emergency
Freecall number
1800 017 000 or Dial 000

Emergency information

If you strike a high voltage electricity cable remember to **Stay, Call, Wait.**

Stay in or on the machine.

Call 000 and APA on 1800 017 000.

Wait until emergency services/APA attend the site and confirm it is safe to move.

If you must move because of other hazards, jump from the machine being very careful not to touch the machine and ground at the same time. Then hop or shuffle away for at least 10 metres making sure that both feet remain together and in contact with the ground at all times.



Emergency

Freecall number
1800 017 000

