

NTPC Health & Safety Alert

Cleaning Snow around Guy Wires



Background

In March 2015, a bobcat contacted a guy wire while clearing snow around some power poles. Fortunately there was no damage. Work stopped and the guy wires were marked.

Practical Guidance



When clearing snow around guy wires:

- Walk area and mark any hazards
- Mark all guy wires
- Clean snow by hand at least three feet around pole and guy wires
- Remove any shrubs in the way with hand tools

This incident did not result in any damage. The work was stopped and guy wires were then marked to ensure that no other incident would happen due to poor visibility.