



Title: Safe Work Instruction BFB		SWI 01	
Callouts involving Western Power Infrastructure		Authorised By: BFAC	
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DO NOT use this machine/equipment unless you have been trained in its safe use and operation

Description of Work:	Working around live, damaged or pole top fires.
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Potential Hazards: Electric Shock.

Personal Protective Clothing (PPC) Required (*Check the box for required PPC*):

 Gloves	 Face Masks	 Eye Protection	 Mask	 Appropriate Footwear	 Hearing Protection	 Protective Clothing
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Safe Work Procedure Checklist:

All incidents involving power lines must be treated with extreme caution. Any downed power lines must be treated as live, and no attempt is to be made to suppress fires on it, or interfere with them in any way.

Briefing Incoming Crews

All incoming crews must be advised of threats posed by live power lines and/or damaged poles before being deployed at an incident.

Procedure

- Brief all incoming crews on the possibility of live power being present at an incident.
- All incoming crews are to avoid direct, and water contact with wires and infrastructure until it has been confirmed the power is off and earthed down to Western Power Standards.
- Where crews become aware of a possible threat, the information should be immediately conveyed to all crews on the fire ground and to the Chief / Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer requesting Western Power to attend.