

Safe Outdoors

BEING SAFE OUTDOORS

Always be careful when you use any electrical appliance or toy outside your home. Remember that electricity can shock, burn or kill you!

There are some very important rules to playing it safe outdoors:-

- Never use wire, or any metal object on your kite - they conduct electricity. Use only non-conducting materials to make a kite, such as plastic, paper, wood and string.
- Do not fly toys in the rain or in a storm. Wet strings or wires can attract electricity.
- Watch out for overhead wires when you are around trees or if you are using a ladder, pool skimmer or any long object.
- Before climbing trees make sure there are no wires near it. Even if wires are not touching the tree, they could touch after your weight is added to the branch.
- Keep electrical appliances and toys away from water, including; rain, wet ground, swimming pools, sprinklers and hoses.
- Stay away from and never touch transformers (usually large metal boxes attached to utility poles or on the ground) or substations. They contain high-voltage equipment that can hurt or kill you.
- If you see a power line that has fallen, **STAY AWAY!** Call the police or LUCELEC right away.
- Always keep radios and other electrical appliances at least 10 feet away from a swimming area.
- Don't touch or go near electrical appliances when you are wet or standing in water.
- Never, ever touch an outdoor electrical pole or wire that has fallen to the ground. It could kill you!

- Call 999 or the nearest Police Station if you see a person who has been or is being electrocuted. Do not touch the person because they could be carrying the flow of electricity.
- Never swim during storms. As soon as you hear thunder or see lightning, get out of the water, you could get struck by lightning.

Remember these safety rules and you can “play it safe” outdoors.

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