Hydrant Pipe Hits Power Line



A construction laborer was helping install a fire hydrant pipe, six inches in diameter and 12 feet long.

The hydrant was being lowered by a chain attached to the backhoe bucket and two workers were guiding the hydrant into place.

The backhoe arm contacted the overhead 25 KV power line.

The laborer was touching the hydrant at the time. He died of electrocution.

This type of incident occurs again and again with the same tragic results. When a metal pipe comes into contact with an overhead power line the person touching the pipe is electrocuted. Never forget about this common hazard, whether you are working on construction, on a farm or in your own backyard.