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Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Division of Labor & Safety Standards
Occupational Safety & Health



Date of incident: 9-9-2025

Industry: General Industry

Location: Residential yard, Eagle River

Summary: A worker was electrocuted while performing arborist work from an elevated position.

Description of Accident: An employee was operating a non-insulated aerial lift in proximity to overhead power lines. While working, contact was made with energized conductors. The employee sustained severe electrical injuries and later succumbed to those injuries.

Accident Prevention Recommendations:

- **Examine jobsite setup:**
Identify overhead power line locations in relation to the work and plan accordingly.
- **Maintain safe approach distances:**
Establish and enforce minimum clearance distances from energized conductors when performing work that can allow contact with power lines.
- **Provide electrical hazard training:**
Train employees on recognizing hazards, safe work practices, and emergency response procedures when working near power lines.
- **Contact electrical utilities prior to work:**
If work must be performed near power lines, contact the utility company prior to commencing work.
- **Use proper insulated equipment:**
Ensure only insulated equipment rated for electrical work is used when working near overhead power lines.