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### **Corozal Man Electrocuted in San Pedro Town**

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has been informed by the Belize Police Department that a 32-year-old man of the Corozal District was electrocuted this morning in San Pedro Town.

Initial police investigations reveal that at approximately 8:00 a.m. David Pott was working at a construction site located about four miles south of San Pedro Town when he came in contact with an extension cord being used on the site. He was consequently electrocuted.

BEL's Manager, Corporate Communications, Dawn Sampson said this is the second electrocution since the beginning of the year and there have also been two incidents whereby persons were seriously injured after coming in contact with power lines.

“We are extremely troubled and saddened by these incidents,” said Sampson “We need to continue getting the message out that there are dangers associated with electricity. We ask the general public to take this issue seriously and practice the safety tips that we air in the media.”

BEL extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Pott and takes this opportunity to remind the general public to use extension cords properly at all times and know these guidelines:

- Ensure the insulation of electrical cords is not torn or damaged
- Ensure the cord is properly connected to an outlet or tool
- Ensure the cord is not beneath any object that could cause damage
- Protect your cords from heat, chemicals, oil etc.
- Be sure not to stand in water when using a cord
- Be sure to use proper protective equipment when using a cord, such as proper gloves and shoes
- Never use a tool with a three-prong grounding plug with an extension cord that only accommodates two prongs
- For outdoor applications, use only extension cords approved for outdoor use
- Never nail or staple an electrical cord in place or run cords under rugs
- Never patch a cord with tape

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