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## **BEL Pleads for Stop to Potentially Deadly Installations on Utility Poles**

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) reminds the public that two lives were lost within the last year due to people being too close to power lines. The Company is writing the political parties and pleading to the public to desist from endangering lives by installing attachments such as banners, flags, signage and flyers near to power lines.

These unsafe practices can result in electrocution of the persons who are attaching items on poles.

Poorly installed attachments on utility poles can cause accidents and injury to BEL personnel during maintenance works. These attachments have also caused power outages resulting in major inconveniences to hundreds of customers.

BEL will restrict these practices and immediately remove all attachments it considers hazardous from its utility poles.



Man endangering his life by installing a flag on a utility pole and above power lines.

The Company urges the political parties and the general public to stop these dangerous practices.

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