

Marlborough Lines

ENERGISING MARLBOROUGH'S FUTURE

Electricity emergencies

If lines have fallen or there's potential danger call our 24/7 fault line 03 577 7007 and keep everyone clear of the area.

Fallen lines or damaged poles

- Call us on 03 577 7007 or call 111.
- Always treat all power lines as live.
- Keep yourself, other people, and animals at least 10m away from the line.
- Do NOT touch or try to move a fallen line, tree branches, cars or other objects that are touching or close to a fallen line.
- Be aware that damaged poles may fall and bring the lines down with them.

Lines on vehicles

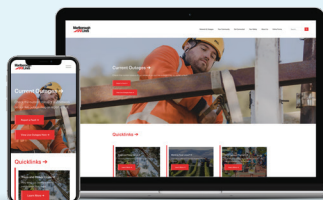
- If a vehicle has hit a pole and brought down the power lines the vehicle may be "alive" and anyone touching it could be electrocuted.
- Stay in the vehicle until help arrives and the line has been made safe.
- If you are in danger and must exit the vehicle, jump clear of the vehicle keeping your feet together when you land. NEVER touch the ground and the vehicle at the same time. Once clear of the vehicle shuffle away, keeping your feet together until you are at least 10m away.

Have you checked out our new website?

Our new and improved website is a great way to get information about power outages, as well as access online forms for a range of services Marlborough Lines provides including:

- Requesting a new or altering an existing, electricity connection
- Connecting distributed generation (e.g., solar)
- Requesting a safety disconnect
- Close Approach Permit applications
- Requesting a cable location
- Registering your Electric Vehicle
- Job applications
- Sponsorship applications

Scan the QR code to check it out or visit www.marbloroughlines.co.nz



Rachel McCormick and Resourcing Team Leader, Tony Root, undertaking a site meeting at a local subdivision.

Supercharge your career with Marlborough Lines

With 165 employees working in a range of roles, Marlborough Lines is a major employer and proud to provide regular training and apprenticeship opportunities for people interested in getting into the electricity industry.

Marlborough Lines' Human Resources Manager Rebecca Wheeler says the company is often looking for people with electrical or engineering qualifications, as well as strong administration and customer service backgrounds or project management experience.

With a national shortage of skilled people, Marlborough Lines regularly hires apprentices who complete their industry qualifications on the job, helping to upskill the next generation of electricians and line mechanics and meet the growing demand on the network.

"We have recently hired two trainee Cable Jointers and took on four Line Mechanic trainees at the beginning of the year," Rebecca says.

"We also have an engineering intern over the summer holidays and two summer students working in our stores team, gaining invaluable experience and insight into the career pathways that are available within the industry."

Marlborough Lines' Customer Works Team Leader Rachel McCormick came through the summer internship programme as a university student back in 2001. She enjoyed herself so much she applied to be a trainee estimator, pricing jobs and projects for customers.

"There was a lot of learning on the job," she recalls. "I worked in the office alongside former line technicians and draughts people and went out on site visits with inspectors, it was a lot of fun and very educational, a great way to get into the industry."

After a nine-year hiatus, during which she returned to university, got married and had children, Rachel returned to Marlborough Lines as an administration assistant, before slotting back into the Estimating team and ultimately progressing to Customer Works Team Leader.

The support from the company and the willingness of her workmates to share their knowledge, helped her progression, Rachel says.

"Marlborough Lines has been very good to me, since returning I've gained people and project management qualifications and completed an advanced leadership development programme, which helped me gain motivation, focus and confidence."

Rebecca says four Marlborough Lines staff are currently studying towards their New Zealand Diploma in Engineering and another is studying full time at University of Canterbury.

"We are keen to develop our employees for their individual growth, as well as for the growth of the wider organisation," she says.

A recent highlight for Rachel was meeting a young woman who was working as an apprentice electrician after gaining work experience with Marlborough Lines through the company's partnership with the Marlborough Youth Trust.

"Marlborough Lines is committed to working within the community to help youth gain all-important work experience, so it was awesome to meet someone who got that foot in the door and used it as a gateway into a new and exciting career."

As well as education and development opportunities, there are other great perks to working at Marlborough Lines too.

Rebecca says the company has a range of health and wellbeing initiatives and employee benefits, including a nine-day fortnight, which about 35 employees subscribe to.

"As long as you have the right attitude and are willing to learn, you'll fit in well."

Check out career opportunities on our website or contact Rebecca Wheeler, Human Resources Manager, phone 03 577 7007.