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Thunder Bay Hydro Voices Concern After Death by Electrocution

Thunder Bay, ON – The recent electrocution of a man who broke into a Pickering Area power transformer to allegedly steal copper wire has prompted Thunder Bay Hydro officials to remind residents of the dangers of entering hydro substations.

“Some people think the price of copper wire is worth the risk,” warns Amy Kembel, Manager of Safety and Training at Thunder Bay Hydro. “But we don’t even send our own employees into these areas without prior training and taking very specific precautions with safety equipment and redirecting current from our main control room.”

Every single conductor is designed to carry current. These pieces of equipment are hazardous when cut or even disturbed.

Thunder Bay Hydro does not leave any copper wire around job sites. When crews leave, they take all scrap copper with them. Yard security and vigilance has increased. This includes the installation of cameras to provide 24 x 7 monitoring.

“Danger signs are posted for a reason,” says Kembel. “These areas are restricted and we will prosecute anyone who endangers themselves and the neighbouring electricity customers by entering them.”

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