

General Requirements to act as a Spotter (Safety Observer) when plant and equipment is working in the vicinity of overhead electrical assets.

1. A person **must** have a current Level 2 First Aid Certificate, or a current First Aid Certificate that complies with the First Aid in the Work Place "Code of Practice No 18" and is inclusive of a module on Electricity, and is in addition to other modules required by the employer; and,
2. A person **must** hold a current Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation / Expired Air Resuscitation (CPR/EAR) certificate; and,
3. A person **must** have undertaken an approved Spotter training course and hold a appropriate Spotters Ticket which is valid for a period of three (3) years.
4. A trained Dogman / Rigger may act as a spotter for any type of plant (without holding a ticket or demonstrate competence and experience for that piece of plant), subject to compliance with items 1, 2 and 3 above.
5. For all other plant and equipment, a person must hold a Certificate of Competency or WorkSafe ticket for the item of plant that person will be spotting for.
6. For items of plant such as an EWP <11 Metres, or a Vehicle Mounted Crane < 10 Tonne / Metres or other plant where there is no formal operating competency, some evidence of training, competency and or experience must be demonstrated to obtain a Spotter Certificate.
7. It should be noted, that a Spotter is required for each item of plant or equipment operating in the vicinity of overhead electrical lines on any work site.

Note:

A Job Safety Analysis (JSA) or Risk Assessment must be completed prior to the commencement of each project, and the Spotter should have an appropriate copy for the spotting task that will be undertaken.

A Permit to Work in the vicinity of Electrical Apparatus, should be issued by the Electrical Distribution Company, when work is to be undertaken closer than 3 metres from any overhead Electric Line. All work should be undertaken with reference to the WorkSafe Victoria document "FRAMEWORK FOR UNDERTAKING WORK NEAR OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND ASSETS".