

## 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 “Compliance Code for First Aid in the Work Place (2008)” 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 an 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 item 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 the RTO to enable that person to obtain a Spotter Registration 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.
8. Energy Safe Victoria has set the minimum age for a person to be registered as a Spotter with ESV to be 18 years of age to align with WorkSafe requirements.

### Note:

- A documented Job Safety Analysis (JSA), Risk Assessment or Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) must be completed prior to the commencement of each project, and the Spotter should hold 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 or Traction 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 following WorkSafe Victoria documents;
- “FRAMEWORK FOR UNDERTAKING WORK NEAR OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND ASSETS”,
- “GUIDE FOR UNDERTAKING WORK NEAR UNDERGROUND ASSETS” AND
- “USING EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT NEAR OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL ASSETS”.