

# Safety Alert - Lighting Towers



A series of Lighting Tower incidents have occurred over the last 6 months, when the towers were towed with masts extended.

Each of these incidents were avoidable.

Light Towers must never be towed until:

- the mast is retracted and lowered to the horizontal position;
- the travel lock pin is secured; and
- the outriggers have been retracted and stowed.

Never tow a Light Tower when its engine is running.

When hiring Light Towers consideration should be given to requesting that Light Towers are supplied with an interlock mechanism to prevent the movement of the Light Tower whilst the mast is extended.

In the event that a Light Tower does strike an energised power line:

- Remain in the vehicle as escape is very risky.
- Never approach, attempt to rescue or allow others to approach the vehicle.
- Keep others a minimum of 8 metres from the vehicle (to be safe stay the length of a bus away).
- Treat all powerlines as if they are 'live'.

