Electrical Hazards in Construction – Machinery Fatality File

Electric Shock – Direct Contact With Overhead Line

An employee was drilling presplit holes in some rock in preparation for blasting. The employee was working next to a 14.4-kilovolt overhead power line. He apparently contacted the power line and was electrocuted.

(The employee had burns on his arms, leg, and abdomen.) The employee was pronounced dead 2.5 hours after the accident.

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