You do not have to touch an overhead line for it to kill you. At high voltage it can arc across the gap.

⚡ GS6 says it plainly: an overhead wire does not need to be touched to cause serious injury or death. It can flash over to a person, a tipped trailer or an excavator boom that comes too close. The gap grows with the voltage, and even a 230 volt line can kill.

✅ GS6 sets the approach: find every line on and near the site, decide whether the work can avoid it, and where it cannot, put up goalposts, barriers and a marked passage that keep plant and loads clear.

❌ Wet ropes, long tools and raised bodies on tipping lorries have all bridged the gap. Assume every line is live and at the highest voltage it might carry.

> ***Where is the nearest overhead line to today's work, and what physically stops anything reaching it?***
>
> ASK THE CREW

FURTHER READING · HSE: AVOIDING DANGER FROM OVERHEAD POWER LINES (GS6)
https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/gs6.htm
HSA (IRELAND): CODE OF PRACTICE FOR AVOIDING DANGER FROM OVERHEAD ELECTRICITY LINES · https://www.hsa.ie/eng/publications_and_forms/publications/codes_of_practice/code_of_practice_for_avoiding_danger_from_overhead_electricity_lines.html