



Health and Safety – Responsibilities of Landowners/Occupiers

Whether you are a landowner or an occupier, if you carry out a business or undertaking on your land then since 1 April 2016 you are a “PCBU” under the [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#). A “PCBU” means a person carrying out a business or undertaking. [The responsibilities in this info sheet only apply to PCBUs](#), but we recommend that all landowners take the same sensible approach to safety.

Transpower responsibilities

Safety is our number one priority. When our workers and contractors are carrying out work on your land we are responsible for keeping everyone safe from harm. Before we enter your land we'll notify you:

- which part we're visiting and when
- the type of work we'll be doing
- how long we'll be there for.

We'll do this either verbally or in writing depending on what you prefer..

Landowner responsibilities

Landowners play an important role in helping us ensure that everyone is safe when we carry out work on your land.

When we notify you we're coming, [you must tell us if you're aware of any unusual hazards where we'll be working, or on the access routes we intend to use to get there](#). This means risks you already know about that are either:

- risks that our workers would not normally expect to encounter there
- risks that could cause our workers serious harm.

While we're working, we recommend you inform anyone who intends to visit that area of our presence. Anyone who visits an area in which we are working will need to comply with our contractor's safety instructions.

[Here are some examples of hazards a Transpower worker would not normally expect and that you should tell us about:](#)

Landowner	Example(s)
Farmer / horticulture	Tree felling, blasting, earthmoving machinery operating, pest control operations, washed out or unstable access tracks or tracks blocked by slips
Commercial business	Dangerous chemicals, fumes or substances, loud explosions
Private dwelling	Dangerous dogs, illegal structures attached/built under assets.
Utilities owner	Open trenches, electricity assets and gas inadequately marked
Forest owner	Tree felling near the lines, access track construction or clearing of vegetation near access tracks, pest control





What you don't need to do

The Act accepts that you cannot control everything on your land. It only requires you to eliminate or minimise health and safety risks:

- so far as is reasonably practicable
- to the extent you have any influence or control over them.

You are not required to:

- tell us about any hazards you don't know about, particularly in parts of your land or access routes you haven't used lately;
- assess whether a route is safe for us to use unless you are aware of a significant hazard there. Our contractors are experienced at evaluating access routes and accessing remote sites safely;
- "sign in" our contractors when they enter your land (although we are happy to do so if you wish). Our contractors comply with their own detailed Health and Safety Management plans. They are well trained with significant expertise in ensuring workplace safety. It is reasonable for you to rely on that training and expertise once you've told us about your known hazards.

We have the influence and control over our workers, infrastructure and equipment, when we are working on your land and we are accountable for their safety.

You can find more about how we work with landowners at: www.transpower.co.nz/about-us/landowner-information including how to use our interactive map showing your land and our lines.

At Transpower, we care for each other and our communities and we keep everybody safe



More information for farmers

WorkSafe has a health and safety guideline for farmers, which informs farmers that they must take all practicable steps to make sure people working on and visiting your land such as Transpower workers, are safe from hazards.