

Bats and Electrocution



The vast majority of bats found electrocuted on powerlines are mothers carrying their babies.

Adult victims rarely survive their injuries – 99.9% mortality rate.



Old overhead electrical wiring is costing the community millions of dollars every year through power outages caused by the electrocution of wildlife.

Bats and possums die publicly every night across our suburbs due to old wiring or from branches which grow through or are too close to overhead powerlines.

It is important that the public report each electrocution – not only to remove dead animals but to alert energy companies to potential hotspots so they can

improve their infrastructure to lessen the cost to the community and to prevent future deaths of our wildlife.

Please check for baby animals, during the months of **October to January** mother flying-foxes carry small babies who do survive the electrocution of their mothers and if reported in time, can be saved.

DO

- ✓ Quickly report electrocutions with: type of wildlife, pole number OR house number, street and suburb
- ✓ Report animals quickly so other animals are not also drawn to their death
- ✓ Look for and report any live babies
- ✓ Support underground electrical cables
- ✓ Report areas which regularly kill wildlife in overhead wiring

DON'T

- ✗ Grow native fruit/flower plants under electrical powerlines
- ✗ Never attempt to remove wildlife from overhead powerlines yourself



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