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KOTA KINABALU: Members of the public are advised not to carry out any activities near Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) installations, especially areas with substations and electrical towers.

This is because of the potential of electrocution and death, said SESB senior general manager (asset management) Idris Mohd Noor.

He added that any activities under or near high voltage electric delivery line are very dangerous.

"All substations and electricity delivery line towers are places of electrocution risk and any activities conducted near them is an invitation to danger," he said in a media statement.

He said this following a TikTok video clip taken at a cemetery under the SESB electric delivery line tower.

"Digging a hole under the SESB-owned electricity delivery tower is an encroachment and can jeopardise the stability of the tower," he said.

Other high-risk activities capable of causing electrocution are fishing at ponds or lakes under the line, playing kites and long distance controlled planes near the delivery lines, electricity theft or illegal installation of electricity supply and also using the ground under the electricity delivery line for field games, sports or public market.

Such activities may cause electrocution and flashover is dangerous, highly risky and may cause damage to property and loss of lives.

SESB is also actively carrying out awareness programme of electricity safety by announcing safety steps that can be adopted at the social media, newspapers and radio.

SESB also requests all parties to seek its advice and permission on what needs to be adhered before carrying out any activities near electricity installations.

The public is also advised to contact 15454 or 088-51500 or WhatsApp 019-852 5427 to lodge report/complaints on dangerous activities near the SESB electricity installations, pillars that have fallen or power supply disturbances.