

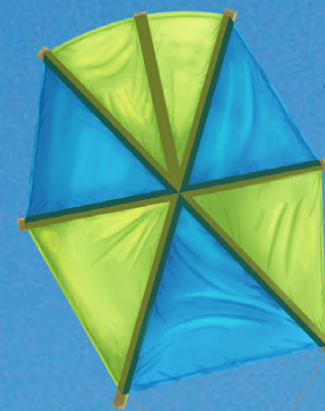
# Kites and Power Lines Don't Mix

Kite flying is a wonderful Grenadian tradition, particularly common before and during Easter, and dates back long before there were power lines.

While this tradition is enjoyed by people of all ages, we need to remain mindful that:


- *It can be dangerous or even fatal, if the kite touches an energised line*
- *It can trigger outages that can cost businesses and residential customers lost time and damaged equipment.*

Electrical current always seeks the quickest route to the ground. A kite string that is wet, dirty, or contains metal or any other conductive material, can detour the electricity from the power line to the ground, using the string and the person flying the kite as conductors.



While having fun flying your kite, be safe by using these tips:

1. Fly kites in open areas and away from electricity poles, overhead power lines, trees and other obstacles.
2. Fly your kite only as far as you can see it.
3. Only fly kites that you can safely control.
4. Don't leave your kite flying at night. It will be out of your control and it disturbs others in close proximity.
5. Don't fly kites over or near roads, the airport, or in the flight paths indicated by the Airport Authorities and the Royal Grenada Police Force.
6. If a kite is caught in a tree, check to ensure there aren't any power lines near the tree. If there are, do not climb the tree to retrieve the kite.
7. If a kite does get caught in overhead power lines, release the string at once. Do not attempt to get it, and do not pull the string or climb the utility pole.
8. Kites caught in power lines can cause outages, leaving you and your neighbours without lights, television, and other things you enjoy.
9. NEVER attempt to retrieve any kite caught in a power line. Instead, **call Grenlec at 237** to report the incident to our 24-hour fault line operator.



*Our traditions are important, but not more valuable than your life.*

*Let's remain safe and be considerate, while having fun!*