

ORION – STAY SAFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Over the last 10 years **five** children in New Zealand have died as a result of accidents involving electricity. Of another 147 accidents, half involved children and young people. **ORION** delivers a free programme aimed at **educating young people about electricity**. It is fun and interactive.



WHY IS ORION RUNNING THIS PROGRAMME?

As the local Canterbury lines company we want to promote and improve community safety and we recognise that schools can play an important part in this. Our Understanding Electricity programme provides materials, tools, and support to Canterbury teachers and students to educate tomorrow's generation about the safe use of electricity.

WHO DOES THE PROGRAMME TARGET?

The programme is suitable for Years 3 to 8. It is based on the 'Stay Safe Around Electricity' booklet and its associated videos 'Kato the Cat' or 'The Shocking Truth'. We provide all audio/visual resources. To date the programme has been presented to over 5000 children and the feedback from both teachers and students has been very positive.

WILL THE PROGRAMME SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM?

Yes – it will support the objectives of the curriculum in the areas of electricity, science and social needs. The programme is interactive, runs for one hour and is delivered by Stuart Taylor, Orion's Community Education Advisor.

Each child receives a free workbook which feedback has shown is very popular. Teachers are provided with associated guidance notes.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

We are currently taking bookings for 2008 and 2009. If you are interested in your school taking part, please contact **Stuart Taylor** on **363 9720** or email to **community-education@oriongroup.co.nz**

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