

## **Electric Fencing and Injuries/Insurance**

### **Extracts from Nibblers online discussion group**

Has any one had any problems with injuries or claims arising from the use of electric fencing? We are in negotiations with a large land owning organisation, who are paranoid about claims arising from the use of - not necessarily from electric shock!

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We have lots of electric fencing on the Malvern Hills and we also have over 1,000,000 visitors a year. No claims yet! Touch Wood.

Cheers.

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Ask the paranoid agent exactly what is the perceived risk, tell them to notify their insurers. as the only risk I know about is the fence getting hit by lightening and passing it onto someone with one leg over the fence. The agent needs to be sent back inside a 30mph zone and told to stay there, as anyone who frightens that easily should not live out here in the sticks.

Electricity is surprisingly like water ; voltage is similar to pressure and amperes are similar to flow. Fences have a very high voltage maybe a couple of thousand volts but a minute amperage and so it is like being hit by a high pressure jet of water from a pin hole, a bit surprising but you hardly get wet.

Recommended action: take the piss! (high pressure type)

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