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Fatality

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A service member was killed when the antenna of his AN/PRC-117G radio contacted a live high voltage wire while on patrol in Southwest Afghanistan.

Important information to remember:

- Watch for power wires in built up areas, treat all wires as a danger.
- Do not assume all low overhead wires are telephone, computer or TV antenna wires.
- Maintain situational awareness, wires are harder to see at night.
- Secure the radio antenna to a level below your head when carried.
- Maintain a safety zone.

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