

# What are the hazards of wind blade power plants

What are the hazards associated with a wind turbine?

Personnel transfers -- there are hazards during personnel transfers between marine vessels or helicopters and wind turbines, risk of collisions and falls into water by workers. Diving operations -- there are hazards during foundation installation, cable laying, turbine inspections and maintenance.

#### Are wind turbine blades toxic?

There is also a risk of exposure to toxic fumesfrom the ignition of resins and other hazardous compounds used as lubrication for WT components (EU-OSHA,2014). Wind turbine blades are manufactured from fibre-reinforced plastics using an epoxy resin system (Aneziris et al.,2016).

## What hazards do wind energy workers face?

This page provides information about some of the hazards that workers in the wind energy industry may face. Wind Energy workers are exposed to hazards that can result in fatalities and serious injuries. Many incidents involving falls, severe burns from electrical shocks and arc flashes/fires, and crushing injuries have been reported to OSHA.

# Do wind turbine blades have lightning protection?

Photo from ,National Renewable Energy Laboratory Wind turbine blades typically contain lightning protection systemsthat redirects the energy of a lightning strike to avoid it harming a wind turbine's structure or affecting its operation.

### How to control health hazards in wind turbines?

In line with the approach of Chan and Mo (2017) to the technical reliability of wind turbines, control of health hazards should start at the WT design phase to minimise worker exposure (e.g., minimum maintenance requirements, ergonomic interventions, noise/vibration dampeners), complemented with other engineering and administrative controls.

### Who is at risk for a wind turbine?

For example, fitters are at risk during the construction phase of the turbine. At the same time, electricians are at greater risk during high-risk electrical work required for commissioning, and technicians are more exposed during maintenance tasks.

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