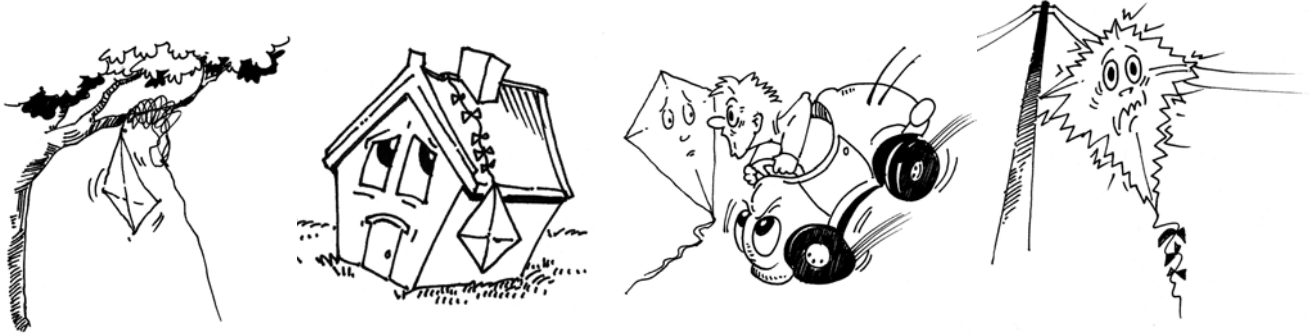


# Kite safety

Fly safely and you'll have a lot more fun!



## Don't fly your kite:

- **near trees** – your kite can get tangled in the branches and is generally difficult to get back. The wind that goes over and around trees is bumpy and difficult for flying kites.
- **near buildings** – as the wind goes over and around buildings, it gets bumpy and difficult for flying kites.
- **near roads** – where drivers could be distracted – your kite will be more interesting to watch than the road!
- **near power lines** – kite lines conduct electricity. Look up before you fly. If you tangle in power lines, call your local power company – DO NOT try to untangle the kite yourself.
- **in thunderstorms**, rain or lightning or use metal lines (wire) or metal parts – more ways kite lines conduct electricity.

NZ Civil Aviation rules state that you should not fly within 4 km of an airport, above 400 ft (about 150 m) above ground level, or over 400 ft below cloud. (Ignorance of the law is no excuse and ignoring these rules could be hazardous to air traffic).

Don't use monofilament fishing lines – they cut through other kite lines and it is hard to see on the flying field.

Wear gloves when flying larger kites as the lines can hurt your hands and give burns.

Be careful not to scare animals, particularly horses with riders or nesting birds.

Do not leave kites unattended or fly more kites than you can handle on your own if something unpredictable happens.

Be aware of what is behind you as well as in front of you – don't keep walking backwards without looking to see where you are going.

Avoid tangles – keep away from other kites, kite lines and kite fliers.

Be considerate around other people and watch out for other people who are not aware that kites can be dangerous.

You may think you are good at flying your kite, but if the wind changes quickly the kite could hurt somebody.

It is each kite flier's responsibility to fly safely!