

## **Electricity Along The Shore / Docks / Lifts / Hoists / Etc.**

All electrical power inside or outside of any club as well as along the shore anywhere, must be in compliance with the [National Electrical Code](#). and the [National Fire Protection Association](#).

Electrocutions along the shore are more common than you think. How serious is this? According to the CDC website, "An inspection of 116 commercial docks at "Lake A" in 1989 indicated that 96% violated the National Electrical Code and that ungrounded electrical systems were the most common violation (R. McElvany, OSDH, personal communication, 1994)."

Electric Shock Deaths  
Or  
Electric Shock Drowning

Resources:

- [Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association](#)
- [Boat U.S. Article](#)
- [Boat U.S. Electric Shock Drowning Resource Center](#)
- [Facebook Electric Shock Drowning](#)

Partial List of Fatal Accidents:

- August 24, 2014 Lake Bruin, LA Private boat lift, 13 year old female fatality
- July 28, 2014 Resort dock, Conroe, TX. 8 year old male fatality.
- June 30, 2013 Private dock, Lake Cumberland, KY. 34 year old father fatality.
- July 4, 2012 Private dock, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. 13 year old girl, 8 year old male fatalities.
- July 4, 2012 Marina, Cherokee Lake, TN. 11 year old male, 10 year old male fatalities
- August 2011 Marina, Traverse City, MI. 18 year old male fatality.
- July 25, 2010 Lake Freeman, IN. 13 year old male fatality.
- May 29, 2010 Houseboat, Weston, WV. 15 year old male fatality.
- 1999 Marina, Wilamette River, OR. 8 year old male fatality.
- [Oklahoma 1989 - 1993](#)

The advice is simple:

- There must be no swimming where electricity is.
- Annual inspection and testing of your entire electrical system around the water is warranted.