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# Our Community

Citizen Advice Bureau's (CAB) were established in England during WW2 helping people cope with wartime conditions, providing information and advice. By the time peace was restored they had become an essential community service.

New Zealand's first CAB was established in Auckland in 1970. Now more than 80 CABs operate nationwide. They believe there are NO stupid questions, except for the one you DON'T ask when you don't know what to do.

Levin CAB was established in 1974 and boasts a huge database of global and national information complimented by the skills of fully trained volunteers. All services are offered



## Levin Citizens Advice Bureau

Advising for over 40 years

free of charge as funding comes from Central and Local government, Lottery grants and a number of Trusts. Local law firms donate their time, enabling Levin CAB to host a fortnightly "legal clinic", offering one-on-one consultation with a qualified lawyer, free to anyone.

Levin CAB Volunteers visit local community groups as guest speakers talking about CAB, and the variety of issues they are presented with, how to get specialist advice or further information. During lockdown, CAB's across

New Zealand, coped with up to 3000 calls a day.

CAB boasts a core of experienced volunteers. If you think you'd like to join them, have common sense, life experience and can spare a minimum of 2 hours a week contact Levin CAB to take part in their comprehensive training and induction programme.

**Levin Citizen's Advice Bureau**

**Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 2.00pm**

**Office (wheelchair friendly) - entry through the R.S.A. carpark, Bristol Street, Levin.**

**Phone 06 368 9521**

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**Website : [www.cab.org.nz](http://www.cab.org.nz)**

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But what happens when someone or something happens to those installations, and what should you do if you come across a power pole that has been damaged or power lines are on the ground.

- You must always assume the lines are live!
- If you're in the vehicle, stay where you are! Call the emergency services.
- If you come across a vehicle that has hit a pole, STOP. Do not approach. Call the emergency services.
- If someone has been shocked by electricity they may still be in contact with the live electricity.



Do not touch them. Call the emergency services.

If lines are brought down by wind, trees or storm activity, always assume they are live.

Stay clear of them, and call Electra on 0800 567 876.



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