

Illegal connections are dangerous!

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Illegal connections and tampering with electricity is not only an extremely dangerous practice that could lead to loss of life, but it is also a serious crime which carries a hefty fine as a penalty."

In an exclusive interview with ZoomNews Lale Mamatu, spokesperson of Centec, cautioned residents of Mangaung not to tamper with electricity.

Illegal connections are connections through which an individual connects another individual to the electricity supply without following the normal procedures and adhering to

regulations.

"The community doesn't understand how dangerous illegal connections are, because one wrong move could cost you your life. Or you could end up sustaining a life threatening injury."

Mamatu says if found guilty it can also cost you a lot of money. "We are looking at fines of R10 000 for illegal connections in households and R30 000 and above for business entities, if one is caught tampering with electricity.

"There were instances where internal staff members were involved in tampering with electricity and illegally connecting people to the electricity supply. The punishment for this transgression is immediate dismissal."

Illegal electrical connections have been a serious problem all over the Mangaung area for many years. The problem is so big that even parliament saw the need to get involved in a bid to solve this serious crime.

"People believe that illegal connections are only found in squatter camps, but it's a crime perpetrated in all areas."

Centec urges the community to work with them in combating illegal connections and tampering with electricity. **Z**



Lale Mamatu, spokesperson of Centec, during an interview with ZoomNews