



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Outdoor Electrical Safety

In June, we step into the summer season. As the weather warms up and outdoor activities beckon, please think about electrical safety when planning your projects and enjoying time outside.

Cut Trees Safely

A careful site evaluation is important before you begin a tree-cutting project. Take time for a safety check. Look up and around for power lines. Contact with a power line while falling a tree could be fatal.

Look Before You Lift

Never place or move a metal ladder, irrigation pipe or wooden pole where it can contact a power line. If using machinery, always make sure equipment is low enough to avoid power lines.

Call Before You Dig

If you are planting shrubs, digging fence postholes or doing other excavation work, remember to call before you dig. A simple outdoor chore can be deadly if you contact an underground power line. State law requires two business days' notice if you plan to dig deeper than 12 inches. Call the Oregon One-Call Center at 811. The center will arrange for someone to mark any buried lines on your property.

Power Poles Have Only One Purpose

That purpose is to provide support for overhead power and communication service and not for attaching signs and posters. Attachments can create hazardous working conditions for our lineworkers. Nails, tacks and staples attached to poles make it difficult for our lineworkers to climb and can seriously injure them if they slip or fall. These objects may also puncture the rubber gloves or other safety equipment used by our lineworkers, making them vulnerable to electrocution.

Recreate Safely

Do not climb or build anything in trees near power lines. Never fly kites, toy airplanes or metallic balloons near power lines or in stormy weather. Avoid using metal or wire on kites. If your kite, balloon or aerial toy gets snagged on overhead lines, do not try to untangle it.

Stay Away from Downed Power Lines

Never go near a downed power line, even if you think it is not energized. Call 911 immediately and then MEC at 800-752-5935.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!