

IF THERE IS A DOWNED POWER LINE **THINK BEFORE YOU ACT**

For your safety, avoid clearing any brush or trees that have fallen power lines caught in them. Instead, contact BLP and wait for our trained line-clearance tree crews to remove any hazards first.



Consider all power lines energized and deadly.



Stay at least 50 feet away.



Call 9-1-1 or the utility to report the downed line.



Do not approach it or try to move it with another object.



Do not get out of a vehicle or cab.



Do not approach the scene.



Warn others to stay away.



Turn around and go another way.

Even if you do not see a downed line, realize one could be hidden by storm debris, water, snow or ice.

Other things to know



Energized downed lines spread voltage through the ground or nearby objects.



If you go near a downed line, you can become electricity's path to ground.



You cannot tell if a power line is live just by looking at it.



Even if a power line appears coated, it is never safe to go near it.

While transmitting and distributing power is typically safe, extreme scenarios like downed power lines are extremely dangerous. Never approach a downed power line.

Safe Electricity.org® Learn more at:

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HELP KEEP ELECTRIC UTILITY WORKERS SAFE



Be patient when the power goes out. Workers need to work efficiently and **safely** to restore power.



ZONE IN ON SAFETY



Respect **roadside** work crews.



Don't drive distracted.
Reduce your speed.
Change lanes.

1 work zone crash occurs every **5.4 minutes**



70 work zone crashes result in **injuries** each day



12 work zone crashes result in at least **1 fatality** each week



Never plug a generator into a wall outlet in your home or garage. The power that back feeds into the electric line could **electrocute a utility worker** or neighbor.



DON'T post signs on utility poles.

Foreign objects can tear utility workers' **protective clothing**, which is the first line of protection from an **electric shock**.



Tree trimmers and electrical line workers are among the most dangerous professions in the United States—please do your part to help keep them safe!



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