



### Respect Power Lines

# Power lines hurt or kill thousands annually

- Electricity seeks quickest route to ground
- You might be the quickest route
- Through either direct or indirect contact

### Indirect contact occurs when your tool or ladder

- Touches a power line
- Shocks, burns and electrocution may occur
- Through either direct or indirect contact

#### On your jobsite:

- Identify location, height and voltage of power lines
- Identify job activities and dangers
- Maintain safe distances from power lines
- Keep scaffolding and machinery away

### Estimate distances from power lines

- Don't use stick or tape measurements
- These can lead to indirect contact
- If measurement uncertain, add more distance

# If safe distance not possible, ask utility company to:

- Have lines de-energized, or
- Have lines guarded, or
- Have lines temporarily re-routed

Watch heavy equipment near power lines

Operators risk indirect contact

Know your load's height

### Assume fallen or sagging wires are live

- Keep your distance and call utility company
- If equipment or person contacts lines,
- Don't touch them
- You could become a conductor
- Call the utility company and emergency personnel
- Keep others away and isolate the hazard

Observe power line safety off the job

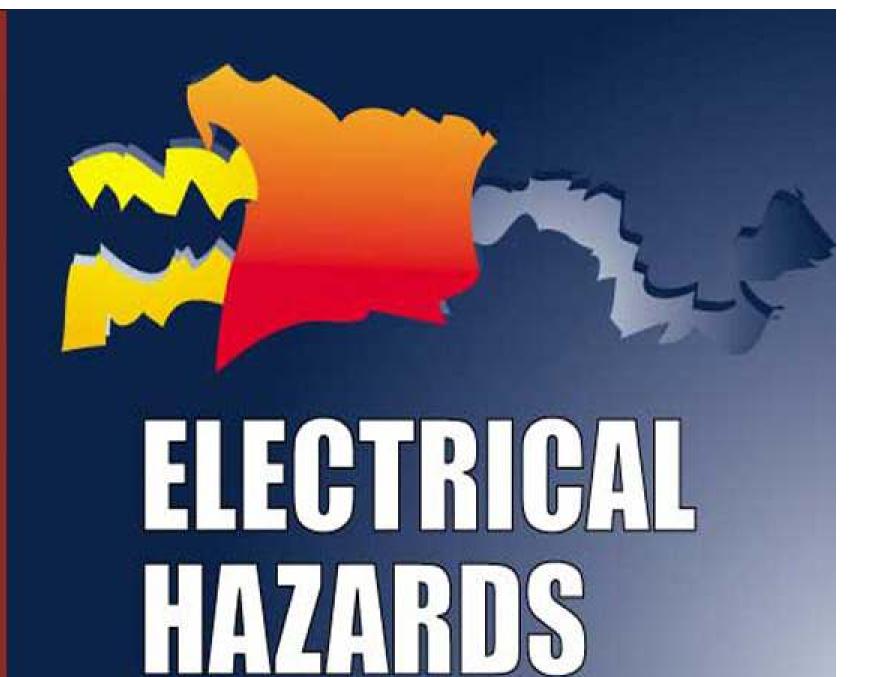
Keep children away from power lines

Follow the same precautions you follow at work

Overhead power lines are dangerous

**Treat them with respect** 

Don't put your life on the line



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