



POWER LINE SAFETY

DID YOU KNOW?

Severe weather is one of the main causes of downed power lines. Downed lines can carry an electrical current strong enough to cause serious injury or even death. Staying safe during times of inclement weather is your responsibility and one you should take seriously. Your life depends on it!

- ▶ If you see a downed power line, move away from the line and from anything touching it. The proper way to move away from the line is to shuffle away: take small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times to minimize the chance for a human path of electric current.
- ▶ If someone is in direct or indirect contact with a downed line, do not touch the person. Call 911 instead.
- ▶ Do not try to move a downed power line or anything in contact with it by using another object such as a branch, stick or broom.
- ▶ Do not drive over downed lines.
- ▶ If you are in your car and it is in contact with a downed line, stay in your car. Honk your horn and summon passerby's for help – but tell others to stay away from the vehicle. Call 911 if you have a cell phone.
- ▶ Never touch a power line – even one that is on the ground. Consider even downed wires to be charged with electrical current or “live”. If you see a downed power line, call 911.
- ▶ Avoid driving in damaged areas. You might interfere with rescue or restoration efforts, as well as jeopardize your own safety because debris may hide downed lines during a wind or rain storm.
- ▶ Water conducts electricity, so don't touch or step in water near a downed wire.

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