

# SAFE PRACTICES NEAR ELECTRICITY

Electricity is dangerous. Safety, when in the presence of electricity is very important. Practicing good common sense can keep you safe from potential electric shock, injury or even death.



## Safety Near Power Lines

- Look up and be cautious near power lines when outside. Keep a safe distance away from lines and never touch power lines as they may be energized.
- **Do not attempt to remove anything caught in electrical power lines. Call 911 to report.**
- Be aware that fallen trees, vehicles, animals, metallic balloons, kites, wind, rain and stormy conditions can all damage lines, creating a potentially hazardous condition.

## Power Lines Down

- Any line that falls to the ground should be considered dangerous, energized and should be reported immediately. Call 911 to report this electrical emergency.
- If a person or piece of equipment comes in contact with an energized power line or if a power line has come into contact with the ground, stay clear of the area and do not touch the person, equipment or line. Allow qualified workers to handle this situation. Call 911.
- Keep children from playing near any downed lines.
- If a line falls on your car while you are inside, stay inside and do not open any doors until instructed to do so by authorities on scene.

## Working Around Overhead Power Lines

- When working in close proximity to overhead power lines, keep everything a minimum of 10 feet away from the lines. This includes: workers, machinery, tools, ladders, scaffolding and anything that can be extended overhead.
- If power lines may be in your way, call **Vernon Gas & Electric** at **323.583.8811** before doing any work.

## Underground Power Line Safety

- Call 811 or visit <http://www.digalert.com> prior to any digging job in order to find out what lines are located below the surface. Digging without calling can disrupt utility service to an entire area or harm you and those around you.

## Vehicles and Power Line Safety

### If power lines have fallen on your vehicle

- Stay in the vehicle and remain calm until help arrives at the scene.
- Call 911 using a cell phone.
- Warn others to stay clear of the vehicle and avoid touching it. Direct others to call 911 if a cell phone is not available.

### If the vehicle is on fire or another emergency warrants leaving the vehicle

- Jump clear of the vehicle without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time then shuffle feet, keeping feet on the ground and close together as you move away from the vehicle until a safe distance has been reached.
- When jumping, be cautious not to fall back against the vehicle and avoid contact on landing with any power lines on the ground.