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### Respect the hazard of overhead power lines

Overhead power lines enrich our lives, bringing electric power into our homes that offer us comfort, convenience and safety, but as with most things, those power lines must be respected. They should also be avoided and **NEVER TOUCHED** or contacted with any object.

Lives and limbs can be lost when we fail to respect the unseen power contained in overhead power lines. Your electric utility has put electric lines carrying high voltage power as far away from you and your loved ones as possible, in wires atop poles high above the ground.

However, trees can and do often grow into or near lines. Trees are full of moisture and very often children will climb in such trees. Sometimes you may try to prune or cut a tree that is close to a power line. A great deal of modern equipment used to load trailers and haul material can be too high for safe clearance or use around power lines. A lot of modern farm equipment is also capable of getting into overhead power lines.

Please take time to inspect any residential, work or play site. If power lines are near, keep clear. The energy in a power line can burn, injure or kill unless properly respected. Any object that comes in contact with a power line or any part of your body that comes in contact with a power line or an object in contact with a power line can become “energized” by electricity seeking a path to “ground.”

Even model airplanes and kites can be dangerous because of their string.

Warn your children to **NEVER** climb trees near power lines. When moving tall objects such as metal pipe or ladders, always check for clearance and avoid overhead wires. Antennas can be hard to control and may fall or be blown into a line.

Remember these tips:

- Keep all tall objects 10 feet from any power line.
- When operating equipment, always check for overhead lines **BEFORE** starting your work.
- Don't attempt to raise or move any electric lines. And never assume any power line is protected by insulation.
- Never touch any power line you see on the ground.
- Avoid contact with anything that touches a power line, such as a tree limb, metal fence, a building or even a car.
- Report any potential power line hazard to your electric power supplier or local law enforcement.
- **LOOK UP AND LIVE!**

If you have any questions, please call BECI at (337) 463-6221 or (800) 367-0275.

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