## Downed lines are always

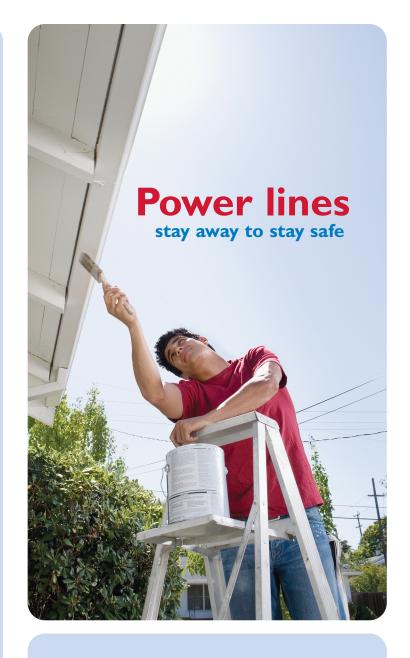
# dangerous

- Never touch or go near a fallen power line, and do not touch anything on which the wire is resting. Always assume a downed line is energized. Call us at I-888-221-7070 or call 911 for help.
- Do not touch or go near a person in contact with a downed power line. Call 911.
- If a power line falls across your car while you are inside, stay put until help arrives. If you attempt to leave the vehicle, you could be electrocuted. If the car is on fire and you must exit, JUMP as far away as possible, with both feet together. Land with feet still together and hop with both feet together away from the area (at least 30 feet).

For more electrical safety tips or for information on how to schedule a safety presentation, please visit our website at **pacificpower.net/safety** or call us at **1-800-375-7085**.



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# Power lines can be deadly

#### What you know could save your life

For your safety, Pacific Power keeps power lines high up in the air and buried beneath the ground, away from you. There are safety precautions you too should take to prevent serious or fatal injuries from electrical accidents. Please take a moment to read the following safety tips and share this important information with your family.

#### **Keep your distance**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations require professionals operating cranes and derricks to keep a minimum of 20 feet\* away from overhead power lines. This is a good rule for everyone to follow. Electricity will take the easiest path to ground, even through you. If you, or an object you are touching, accidently become part of the pathway you could be electrocuted.

## Look up

Always be aware of the location of any nearby overhead power lines. Be careful not to lift or move any long or tall items such as gutters or ladders near power lines – they can conduct electricity through you.

And never fly kites or model airplanes near lines.



#### Call before you dig

Digging into underground power lines can be just as dangerous as contacting an overhead line. Call 811 or your state's utility locating service at least 48 hours before you plant a tree, dig holes for fence posts or install underground sprinklers. Or call us at **1-888-221-7070** and we'll give you the number for this free service.

#### Children's safety

- Never let a child climb or play in trees near power lines or climb power poles or transmission towers.
- Fly kites out of the way of power lines. Never use metallic string or fly a kite in rainy weather.
- Stay out of all electrical substations and off any object marked *Danger: High Voltage*.

### Home repairs and improvements

- Do not carry ladders, pool skimmers, metal irrigation pipe or antennas near overhead power lines.
- Before working on your property, locate all nearby overhead power lines on poles and structures.
- · Assume every power line is energized.

Your safety matters to us

#### Farm and field work

- Check for overhead power lines before lifting or clearing debris from irrigation pipes.
- Never stack hay bales or other items under overhead power lines.
- Do not spray water on power lines or equipment.
- Keep farm machinery away from power lines, poles and guy wires (the support cables for power poles). If you strike a guy wire or pole, call us immediately at **I-888-221-7070**, you may have weakened the structure or created slack in the line.

#### Tree pruning and planting

- Always check for power lines in or near trees before pruning branches. If a power line is near, call us to prune your tree or call an arborist certified to work near power lines.
- Don't use pruning tools, ladders or other long or tall objects that conduct electricity near power lines. If the lines are accidentally touched, you could be seriously injured or killed.
- Never try to remove a branch that is tangled or lying across power lines. Call us to have the branch removed.

#### Contractors

- Use spotters when operating lift trucks or other power equipment to make sure overhead lines aren't contacted.
- No construction activity involving cranes and derricks is to take place within 20 feet\* of an overhead power line. If you must work within 20 feet of overhead lines, call us at **1-888-221-7070** to make special arrangements.

\*Please refer to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulation which clearly identifies the distance you must maintain while performing any work near overhead power lines.