



OPALCO SAFETY MATTERS

SEVEN STEPS TO ELECTRICAL SAFETY

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS.

We want our members to know about the dangers associated with electricity – even though they use it safely every day. We also want our employees to return home safe and sound to their families every day.

**OPALCO IS COMMITTED TO A CULTURE OF SAFETY.
WE TAKE SAFETY SERIOUSLY.**

OPALCO Linemen are first responders for public safety. You can count on your Co-op to take care of downed lines and other power emergencies. If you see downed lines or other power emergencies, **BE A HERO: CALL 911.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Some of our power lines are energized at 69,000 volts. That is nearly 300 times more than the voltage in the wires of your home. Electricity is a part of our everyday lives and must be treated with respect.

Everyone should know the **7 STEPS TO ELECTRICAL SAFETY**. Learn them and pass them on. Remember, they don't call it power for nothing!



1. **30 FEET TO SAFETY**

Stay back at least 30 feet from any fallen power line or exposed underground cable. **NEVER TRY AND TOUCH OR MOVE DOWNED POWER LINES.** Call 911 and OPALCO will respond.

2. **LOOK UP AND LIVE**

When working outside: look up, check and keep equipment clear of overhead power lines.

3. **KNOW YOUR LIMITS**

When using equipment in the vicinity of power lines, always maintain the limits of approach: keep at least 10 feet back. Electricity can arc and make contact if too close.

4. **DON'T HANG AROUND OPERATING EQUIPMENT**

Stay at least 30 feet from operating equipment, in case it contacts an energized line.

5. **SHUFFLE OR HOP – DON'T STEP**

If your vehicle makes contact with an energized line, remain inside until help arrives. If you must get out due to fire, jump out with your feet together. Then shuffle away, keeping both feet close together. Never contact the ground and your vehicle at the same time.

6. **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

To avoid contacting underground power lines, before you dig, call 811.

7. **DON'T BECOME A VICTIM**

Always call 911 when someone is injured in an electrical accident. Do not touch the victim!