

Quick Safety Tips

ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITH ELECTRICITY

usually results in serious life threatening injuries, even death. Such occurrences can be minimized if the following precautions are taken when working near power lines:

INSPECT surroundings before operating equipment to avoid interference with utility poles and overhead power lines.

ASSUME all overhead and downed power lines are live and dangerous.

MAKE sure there are ample clearances of power lines when moving large machinery such as combines, grain augers, pickers, bailers and front end loaders. Keep objects at least 10 feet away from power lines.

DO NOT attempt to raise or move power lines.

CALL Lynch River Electric at 1-800-922-3486 or call PUPS at 811 before you dig to avoid contact with buried power lines.

REPORT any damaged electrical equipment or downed lines to your local cooperative immediately.

WHEN planning new construction, consider existing power lines.

BE EXTRA CAREFUL when working around trees and brush that often obstruct power lines.

TRAIN all farm workers on how to properly operate machinery near overhead power lines.



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Electrical Safety on the Farm



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Plan to Harvest Safely

Farmers focus on the ground when sowing and harvesting, but looking up is just as important, especially when driving farm machinery near power lines.

A Calling

Farming is a calling and a dangerous one at that. Every year an average of 62 good men and women working on farms are electrocuted when farm machines touch overhead power lines.

If equipment gets hung up on a power line, don't get off of the machine unless there's fire or other immediate danger. If you touch the ground and the equipment at the same time, you can become a deadly channel for electricity. If you must get off the equipment, jump clear of the vehicle and, keeping your feet close together, hop away.

Call Lynchess River Electric Cooperative to report the problem at 1-800-922-3486. Don't touch any machine connected to a power line and keep others away until Lynchess River Electric Cooperative disconnects the line.

New Equipment? Measure Clearance

Planning to transport equipment? Make sure you have ample clearance—at least 10 feet—between power lines and your combines, grain augers, pickers, bailers, and front-end loaders. Keep in mind that



uneven ground and shifting soil conditions could put you in harm's way.

Lower Equipment Near Power Lines

Always lower a portable grain auger or elevator before you move it, even if only a few feet. As a general rule of thumb, keep all objects at least 10 feet away from overhead lines.

Watch the Road

Watch the roads as you're moving farm equipment in the spring and fall. Overhead power lines crossing roads on the farm should be at least 18-and-a-half feet from the ground to make sure combines, tillage and harvesting equipment, and tractors don't touch the lines and put your life in danger. If a line seems low,

contact Lynchess River Electric Cooperative at 1-800-922-3486

In the meantime, plan your route between fields, to bins and elevators, and on public roads to avoid low-hanging power lines. If someone else transports large equipment for you, always provide a safe route and explain why they must be taken.

Expanding the Farm

Expanding your farm is exciting, but don't forget to keep power lines in mind! If you're adding portable grain bins, keep at least 18 feet between the highest part of the bin and any overhead power lines. You also need plenty of space—18 feet plus the height of the bin—between the loading side of a movable auger and nearby electric poles.

