

Car touching a downed line? Wait for help to arrive.

If you find yourself in a vehicle that is touching a downed line or electrical equipment, and you're not in imminent danger, stay put. Call **911**, if you can, and wait until the power company can de-energize the line. Even if there's no sign of sparking, the vehicle and the ground around could electrocute you as you try to leave. The same is true for anyone who tries to approach you from outside the vehicle. Don't approach to help unless the power company has verified that the line is de-energized.

See downed lines? Stay 35 feet away!

There's no sure way to tell if downed lines are energized or "hot," so treat them, and anything they touch, as if they could kill you. Fences, tree limbs, telephone lines and even the ground around a downed line can electrocute you if they're in contact with a power line. And did you know power lines can look just like telephone lines? Take no chances: Call the power company and stay away!

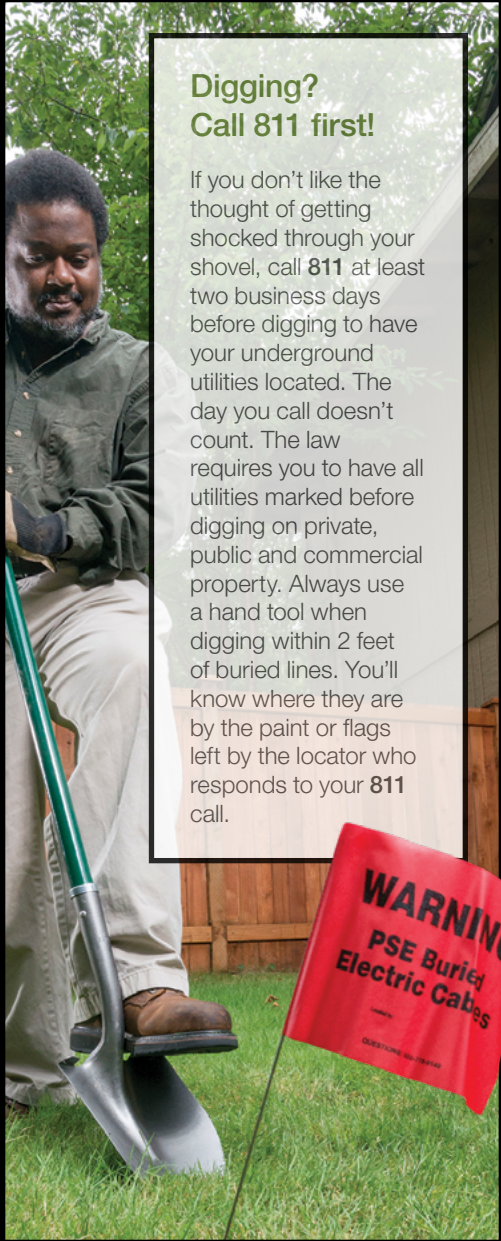
Let that kite go!

Don't fly kites near overhead power lines. If a kite or Mylar-coated balloon should become entangled in a power line, or in a tree near a power line, let it be! Wood can conduct electricity, so building a tree house near a power line is also dangerous.

Work safely around overhead lines

Always keep at least 10 feet—more for high voltage lines—between you and power lines. That goes for any equipment you're using, too. Avoid placing ladders near power lines, especially if they are aluminum. (Wood can also conduct electricity, but not as well.) If you need to trim trees around the line attached to your house, call the power company to de-energize it before you trim.

Greater than
10 feet



Digging? Call 811 first!

If you don't like the thought of getting shocked through your shovel, call **811** at least two business days before digging to have your underground utilities located. The day you call doesn't count. The law requires you to have all utilities marked before digging on private, public and commercial property. Always use a hand tool when digging within 2 feet of buried lines. You'll know where they are by the paint or flags left by the locator who responds to your **811** call.



Power outage? Keep grills outside!

Never try to heat your house with a propane or charcoal grill or heater. They create carbon monoxide which can poison you if used indoors. Also, do not heat your house by running your gas oven with the door open.

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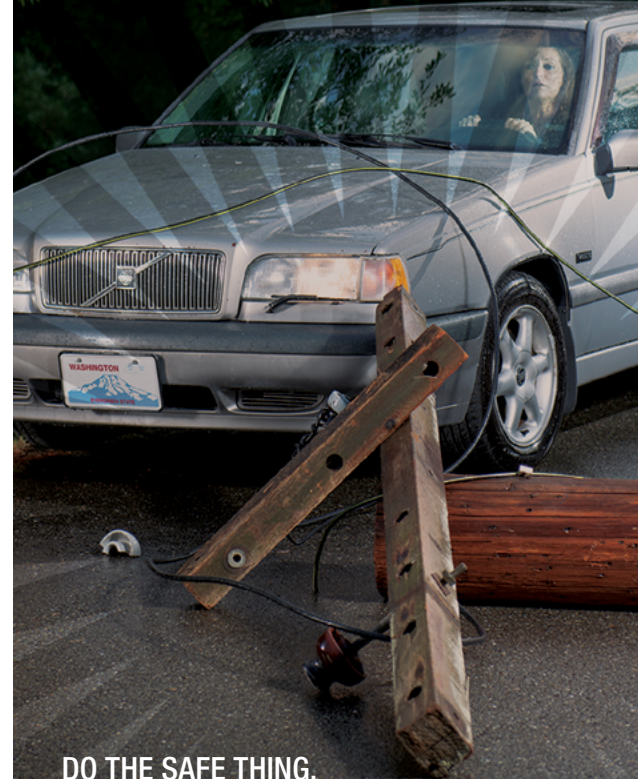
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