

# Power line safety for contractors

Protect yourself from electrical injuries at the job site

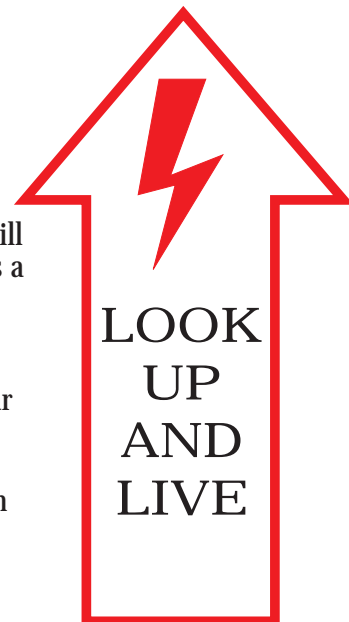


We know you want to finish projects on time and on budget. By making safety a key part of the job, you can avoid delays, prevent accidents, and go home safe at the end of the workday.

Electricity is always seeking a path to ground. If you, your tools, or equipment touch a conductor, you could become part of that path and risk serious injury or death.

Please, don't let this happen to you. Follow these tips to stay safe on the job:

- **Plan ahead.** Check the job site for hazards, and be sure to look up for power lines and electrical equipment.
- **Call CMP for a safety inspection.** Trained CMP personnel will check our equipment and insulate exposed conductors and fittings that might pose a risk to you and your employees.
- **Electric lines are not insulated.** The coating on some lines is not safety insulation. It will not protect you from dangerous electrical shock.
- **Maintain 10-foot clearance.** Keep workers, tools, and equipment at least 10 feet from unprotected power lines and fittings. It's for safety, and it's the law.
- **Look up.** Maintain 10-foot clearance when positioning ladders. Carry ladders horizontally around your job site.
- **Look up.** Maintain 10-foot clearance when using scaffolding, hoists, or cranes.
- **Look up.** Maintain 10-foot clearance when raising the bed of a dump truck.
- **Stand clear.** Don't touch a crane or dump truck operating near power lines. Touching the equipment will put you in the path to ground if it accidentally contacts a power line.
- **Call 1-888-DIG-SAFE.** Utilities will locate and clearly mark underground facilities so you can stay clear and work safely.
- **Protect yourself and others.** Stay alert. Watch out for yourself and others. And don't take shortcuts.



**Remember... No line is safe to touch, ever!**