



# Safety Around High-Voltage Power

Accidentally contacting a power line can be dangerous, or even deadly, so please - **KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE – ELECTRICITY CAN TRAVEL!**

When outdoor, keep a safe distance from power lines and other equipment your co-op uses to get electricity to your home. Always remember to:

- Stay away from power lines, meters, transformers and electrical boxes.
- Never climb power poles or attach anything to the poles.
- Don't climb trees near power lines. This is work for professionals. If the vegetation grows in the right-of-way, Adams Rural Electric Cooperative will schedule removal of the trees. Call to notify us of these situations.
- Never fly kites, remote control airplanes or balloons near power lines.
- If you get something stuck on a power line, **call 937-544-2305** and stay away!
- Keep a safe distance from overhead power lines when working with ladders or installing objects such as antennas or rain gutters.
- Never touch or go near a downed power line.
- Don't touch anything in contact with these wires, such as a car, fence or clothesline.
- Keep children and pets away from energized lines – electricity can travel!
- If you use a generator, check our website for important safety info.

If a power line falls on your car, stay inside the vehicle. Warn away people who try to touch the car or the line. Call yourself or ask someone to **call 9-1-1, then 937-544-2305.**

The only circumstance in which you should consider leaving a car that is in contact with a downed power line is if the vehicle catches fire. If it does, open the door. **DO NOT STEP OUT OF THE CAR!** Instead, jump free of the car so that your body clears the vehicle before touching the ground. Once you clear the car, shuffle in small steps at least 50 feet away, with both feet on the ground. Do not try to help someone else from the car while you are standing on nearby ground as electricity can travel!