



PLUG INTO
SAFETY

ELECTRIC CO-OPS DO MORE
THAN 'KNOCK ON WOOD' TO TEST

POLE SAFETY

WOOD UTILITY POLES ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE NATION'S ELECTRIC GRID. TO ASSURE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY, ELECTRIC CO-OPS PERFORM PERIODIC CHECKS ON EACH ONE.

If you notice pole damage, please notify your co-op.

POST NO BILLS: UTILITY POLES ARE NOT SIGN BOARDS

As innocent as it may seem, putting signs or other items on a utility pole creates serious safety hazards. Staples, nails and tacks used to hang signs — as well as signs themselves — pose dangers to electric lineworkers who might have to climb that pole when either restoring power following storms or performing routine maintenance.

IF YOU EVER HIT A POLE:

Stay in the vehicle. If a power line has fallen onto your car and is still energized — as it may well be — it could be energizing your car. Electricity always seeks the path to ground. If you are alive, you are not creating that path. But if you step from your car to the ground, you can create a path, or you could touch a fallen line. Those 7,200 volts or more could go through you and kill you instantly.

Call 9-1-1 (or have a passerby call if you do not have a phone or cannot find it after the crash). Tell the responder you have struck a utility pole so the electric utility can also be notified immediately.

Warn passersby to stay back and look out for fallen power lines and wait for help.