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SAFETY

HUNT WHAT'S IN SEASON

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES ASK HUNTERS TO BE AWARE OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT AND TO BE MINDFUL WHEN SHOOTING NEAR IT AS IT CAN BE COSTLY AND DEADLY.



Damage to electrical equipment from gunfire can be costly for both the utility and its customers, and potentially deadly if the damage sparks a fire or affects someone on life-support electrical equipment.

HERE ARE THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- **Avoid shooting near utilities.** Never shoot in the direction of power lines, power poles or substations. A stray bullet can cause damage to equipment. Sometimes the damage, such as to an insulator, isn't noticed until it rains. Then it potentially can cause an outage or a fire.
- **Know your environment.** Familiarize yourself with the location of power lines and equipment on land where you shoot. Landowners are encouraged to remind those hunting on their property to be aware of power lines and other electrical equipment.
- **Recognize the risks.** Damage to the conductor can happen, possibly dropping a line from its perch. If it's dry and the electricity goes to ground, there is the possibility of electrocution and fire.
- **Watch for hidden dangers.** Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- **Observe signage.** Take notice of warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.
- **Avoid using utility structures.** Do not use utility poles or towers to support equipment used in your shooting activity or for supporting deer stands. Energized lines and equipment on the poles can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.