Electricity can be dangerous, whether you’re at work or at home.

POWER LINE HOME SAFETY TIPS

1. Stay Clear. Stay at least 10 metres away from downed power lines or damaged facilities. If you’re in a vehicle and you contact a downed line, drive at least 10 metres away. If you can’t, stay put. Call 911 or ATCO’s electricity emergency line (1-800-668-5506), and wait until help arrives.

   If your vehicle is on fire, jump out and land on both feet. Do not make contact with the vehicle after jumping. Hop or shuffle, with your feet together, until you’re out of danger (10 metres away). **Ensure the heel of one foot never passes the toe of the other. Don’t touch anything (vehicle or passengers) until you’re clear.** Call 911 or ATCO’s electricity emergency line, and wait until help arrives.

2. Plan Your Work. Locate all power lines before doing any work near them. Before digging or driving posts into the ground, call Alberta One Call at 1-800-242-3447 to locate and mark all underground cables.

3. Where’s The Line. Take care to avoid power lines when performing high-risk tasks such as using a ladder, pruning or cutting trees, installing or removing an antenna, working on the roof, digging post holes, or excavating.

4. Avoid Danger Zones. Always be on the lookout for fallen or sagging wires, especially after storms, and stay away from downed power lines. Never touch an energized wire with your hand or any other object. If you notice a damaged facility, notify ATCO immediately (1-800-668-5506), and keep everyone away from the area.

5. Be Power Safe at Home. Ensure bathroom and outdoor outlets are equipped with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs). Always have a qualified electrician perform any electrical work including hooking up an emergency or back-up generator.

For more information on electrical safety, visit ATCOElectric.com/Safety