



Safety On the System

The electrical distribution system is an amazing network of poles, overhead and underground power lines, underground cabinets, substations, meters, etc. The system works when it is maintained in a safe and ready status. As a cooperative, that is just what we do – provide safe and reliable electricity.

Yet, sometimes, conditions can be created that could potentially be unsafe. We humans “interfere” with this balance of safe electricity. Let’s review some pictures to remind ourselves of the unsafe conditions we may encounter or create. And, if you see these conditions, promptly call your cooperative so the unsafe condition can be made safe. Although we have inspection programs in place to inspect the lines and equipment, we need your eyes on the system, too.



No one, other than a lineworker, should ever climb a power pole.



Fencing should never be adjoined to the substation; it can become energized.



A line in the trees could be touched by a child climbing.



In both the pictures, equipment can't be blocked for it makes it hard to maintain. It would be especially difficult at night. Make sure to keep the area around the equipment clear.



A member reported this burnt pole due to a crop fire.