

5 Electric Safety Tips to Share with Family

When working or playing outdoors, take a minute to look up and see what's overhead. If power lines are nearby, keep your distance. Be especially careful when painting, using ladders, trimming trees and working around water.

1. Stay away from downed power lines.

Treat all fallen lines as if they are energized, high voltage and dangerous. Call OPPD at 1-800-554-6773 or 911 to report the situation, and keep people and pets away.

2. Observe all warning signs.

Teach children not to play near electric equipment or enter areas marked "Danger," "High Voltage" or "Keep Out."

3. Look up, look around and look out.

If you're working with a ladder, watch where the ladder's top end goes. Position and move the ladder carefully.

4. Take special care with trees near power lines.

Don't climb a tree that has power lines in or near it. Consider leaving tree trimming to professionals who know how to prune trees near power lines. Long-armed, tree-trimming equipment is especially dangerous near power lines. Call OPPD at 402-536-4131 or 1-800-648-2658 to report tree limbs that are in power lines.

5. Remember that electricity and water don't mix.

Make sure electric appliances and power tools are not placed where they might get wet.



For more information, visit oppd.com/safety or call the OPPD Energy Advisor at 402-636-3850 in Omaha or 1-800-648-2658 outside the metro.