



Look Up! Watch Out for Overhead

Lines and Underground, Too

As you begin to spend more time outdoors during the warm weather, there's one thing you can't afford to overlook: the power lines that bring electricity to your home.

Whether overhead or underground these power lines present a danger to you and your family if not treated with respect. So Remember:

- . Don't trim or cut down trees that are growing near or underneath power lines.
- . Have a qualified contractor take care of the job.
- . When planting new trees, be careful about placing them beneath overhead power lines. The tree might be small now, but in a few years it could grow into the lines.
- . Before you dig anywhere on your property, be sure you know where your underground utility services are- not only electric lines but also water, gas, telephone and cable T.V.. Cutting into these services connections could cause serious injury as well as a lot of inconvenience.
- . Be careful installing or removing television antennas or satellite dishes. Check your clearance overhead power lines. If you aren't that you're well clear of those lines, don't take any chances. Have a professional relocate, install or remove the device.
- . Take the same caution when using tall ladders, pool skimmers or other long tools or equipment. A single, careless motion could cause contact with the overhead line. If you can, use wooden instead of aluminum ladders, and always carry ladders horizontally when moving them.
- . Supervise your children when they're flying kites and make sure they know to stay clear of power lines. Use only nonmetallic kite string and if it should get entangled with a power line drop the cord and call your power company for assistance.
- . Never build a structure or pool beneath the lines that connect your home to power facilities.
- . Keep yourself, your children and your pets away from substations and other utility equipment. If a toy rolls or bounces inside, call your power company. Don't try to retrieve it.