

Mind the Lines Employee Email

Instructions: Copy and paste the email below to share this important safety message with your networks. Attach the poster or social media assets from the Power Safety Toolkit along with it as additional resources to circulate with your team members and networks.

Each day, you dedicate your skills and expertise to get the job done safely.

From operating dump trucks, cranes, excavators and bucket trucks to using farming equipment, ladders and other machinery or tools – the work you do daily is important in supporting the lives of your fellow Ontarians.

At the same time, the work you do can also be dangerous when you're near overhead or underground powerlines. **In the past year alone, contact with overhead wires has increased three times.**

Hydro One has created a [Resource page](#) and [Power Safety Toolkit](#) to ensure we're continuing to prioritize safety and understand the proper procedures that protect us from the serious dangers that come with working near powerlines.

Steps to Safety Routine

1. Assess for hazards throughout the day as conditions change.
2. Designate a spotter or signaler as your second set of eyes and ears on the ground.
3. Know the safe distance limits. Remember, the higher the voltage, the higher likelihood that electricity will jump or "arc" to you or your tools.

Life-Saving Basics to Know

1. Keep yourself, equipment, tools and machinery at least 3m away from overhead wires.
2. Always request a locate from [Ontario One Call](#) before starting any digging project. The service is free and it's the law – for all projects big or small. Plan ahead to avoid power loss, damage liability and personal injury.

Visit [HydroOne.com/WorkingNearPowerlines](https://www.hydroone.com/WorkingNearPowerlines) to learn more and download the Power Safety Toolkit today.