# MIND THE LINES

Together, we can protect our communities from preventable accidents.

## LIFE-SAVING BASICS TO KNOW.



### **Avoid the Arc**

Keep yourself, equipment and large tools at least 3 to 6 metres (10 to 20 feet) away from overhead lines.

**Did you know?** Electricity can arc or "jump" through the insultating space between a wire and a conducting object like a truck or ladder.

**Remember:** The higher the voltage, the more likely it is for an arc to occur.



#### **Know What's Below**

Always request an underground cable locate from **Ontario One Call** before any digging project – big or small.

Review locates before starting work in digging area. Plan ahead to avoid power loss, damage liability and personal injury.

**Pro Tip:** If using an excavator, beware of your machine's reach above and have a teammate help guide you.

## STEPS TO SAFETY

Accidents are instant. Follow the Steps to Safety routine.



Assess for hazards overhead and underground

2 Designate a signaler or spotter

**3** Know the safe distance limits

750 to 150,000 V	3 m
150,001 to 250,000 V	4.5 m
250,001+ V	6 m

HIGH VOLTAGE HIGH CAUTION

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Not sure about the safety distance limits near your job site? **Call us at 1.888.664.9376.**