

BE AWARE...BE SAFE Around Electric Lines, Equipment

Both above- and below-ground electrical lines and equipment can cause serious injury and even death. Duquesne Light wants to remind everyone to “Be Aware, Be Safe” when working near electrical equipment.

It is critical that homeowners and those on the job make sure they are taking the proper steps to ensure their safety. The first, and most important rule, is to always treat power lines and equipment as if they are energized.

At Duquesne Light, we take safety very seriously. It is the No.1 priority on every job. At the same time, we also want to help our customers keep safe when they are working around electrical lines and equipment. Providing them with the necessary information to be safe is extremely important. We want everyone to stop and look around for any potential electrical hazards before they start any type of work, and to know where the power lines and equipment are located.

As a general rule, people should stay away from any overhead power line when working. It’s also important to keep in mind that you don’t necessarily have to touch a line to be seriously injured. Tools, tree limbs, ladders and other equipment can conduct electricity.

For work around any underground electrical equipment, customers are asked to call PA One-Call at 811 or 1-800-242-1776 at least 72 hours before digging.

If customers have any questions about safely trimming trees or vegetation they are encouraged to call 412-393-7100 at least 3 business days in advance of beginning the job. For any other electrical safety questions, customers can call 412-393-4343 at least 3 business days in advance of starting the work. Either way, their calls will be directed to the proper department for a timely response.

In addition, a wide range of safety information – for both inside and outside your home -- is available on the “Outages & Safety” section of our website, www.duquesnelight.com.

Remember that safety on any job – be it a commercial, industrial or residential setting – is everyone’s responsibility, and by taking a few extra steps, customers can be assured of their safety when working near electrical lines and equipment.