

Power Lines and Farm Equipment

Before heading to the field with farm equipment it is imperative we assess the area for possible hazards with power lines and poles.

Please review the following information on what to do if you come in contact with a line.



Risk assessment:

- Are there lines above?
- Are transmission lines nearby?
- Are there “guy wires” present that equipment could catch on? (Cables which secure the power poles to the ground).
- How high and wide is the equipment we are using? Can it safely fit under power lines?

What can I do to prevent coming in contact with a line?

- Look around for possible hazards.
- Have new employees familiarized with areas with power lines.
- Safely check to make sure equipment fits in the area and won't take down a pole.

- If equipment is too wide or too high to enter a field safely, call Maritime Electric for assistance.

What happens if I make contact with a line?

- If possible, back away from the line and call Maritime Electric to come check your equipment.

What happens if I take down a line?

- Always remain in the equipment until help arrives as the area around you may be electrically charged.
- If the equipment or area around you is on fire you may exit the equipment by jumping with both feet together and hopping or shuffling 50 feet away. You must remember to let go of the equipment when you jump, keeping your hands with your body to ensure a clean break from the electrical source.

Emergency Contacts:

- **Maritime Electric**
Call 911
- **For serious workplace accidents call Tara Huestis- WCB Farm Safety Specialist** 902-368-6562
902-628-7513 (24hr emergency)

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