



# DOWNED POWER LINES

Downed power lines and wires caused by a storm or vehicle accident are incredibly dangerous for anyone. Keep everyone away and immediately contact your local authorities. Do not attempt to determine what kind of wire or if line is charged.

**\*ALWAYS ASSUME A DOWNED WIRE IS CARRYING ELECTRICITY WHICH CAN SEVERELY INJURE OR KILL YOU\***

- Do not touch-Stay at least 30 feet away from the line until help arrives
- If a wire falls on a vehicle, passengers should stay inside the vehicle until help arrives
- If a downed line is near water - even a small puddle - keep well away
- Don't drive or walk over downed power lines
- Do not climb a substation fence under any circumstances, and warn children to stay away
- Call 9-1-1 immediately to report a fallen power line
- Anyone who touches the equipment or ground around your car can be injured

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