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Downed Power Lines Safety

Assume all downed lines are energized and stay as far away as you can. Call 9-1-1

Energized lines can charge the ground near the point of contact and may electrocute you. If a person or pet comes into contact with a downed power line, remain clear. **Do not touch them or the wire.**



Do not drive over downed power lines!

Stay in your car. If a power line falls on your vehicle while you're driving, do not exit until you know for sure that the line is de-energized.

If you must evacuate, jump away and land with both feet together. Do not touch the vehicle while stepping on the ground, as this can create a path for electricity to run through you.

Shuffle away to safety. Keep your feet together and take small, shuffling steps until you're at least 35 feet away. Taking larger steps can also create a path for electricity to run through you.



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