



***NEVER  
climb towers or poles.***

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## **Concerning Towers and Conductors**

- Do not climb towers.
- Do not shoot or otherwise damage insulators.
- Never touch a fallen line.
- Do not attempt to dismantal tower steel members.
- Do not apply additional loads to tower members for temporary support of a structure or vehicle.
- Stay away from towers and lines during extreme wind storms, thunder storms, ice storms or under other extreme conditions.

Preventive measures include:

- Stay away from and report broken or damaged insulators to BPA or your nearest electrical utility.
- Stay away from and report broken, damaged or abnormally low-hanging lines to BPA or your nearest electrical utility.

## **Conclusion**

We live in an age of electric power. Almost everything we do requires it. Consequently, high-voltage power lines have become about as commonplace as the wiring in our homes — and just as safe. Nevertheless, every year people are killed or seriously injured by power lines and wiring. In almost every case, lives could have been saved and injuries avoided if the basic safety practices outlined in this booklet had been followed. BPA and your local utilities make every effort to design and build power lines that are safe to live and work around. Ultimately, however, the safety of high-voltage lines depends upon people behaving safely around them. No line can practicably be made safe from a person who, through ignorance or foolishness, violates the basic principles of safety. So, please, take time now to learn the practices outlined in this booklet. And share your knowledge with your family, friends and colleagues. Your own life, or that of a loved one, might well hang in the balance.

## **Related BPA Publications**

Call BPA's Public Information center at **1-800-622-4520** and ask for the following publications:

- 1) For information on using the land within a BPA right-of-way: *"Landowner's Guide to Use of BPA Rights-of-Way"* (DOE/BP-3025)
- 2) For information on growing trees on a BPA right-of-way: *"Landowner's Guide to Trees and Transmission Lines"* (DOE/BP-3076)
- 3) For information on BPA's Danger Tree Program: *"Keeping the Way Clear for Better Service"* (DOE/BP-2816)

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