

Downed Power Line Safety – Always Assume Downed Lines are Live Infographic



ALWAYS ASSUME ALL DOWNED LINES ARE **LIVE**

Downed power lines can be **deadly**. Always assume a downed power line is **live** and avoid approaching them or anything near them.

Use Precaution



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 feet** away. Even more in wet conditions.



If you see a downed power line, **call 911**.



Never drive over downed power lines or anything in contact with them.



Never try to move a downed power line.

If a vehicle contacts a **power line** or **utility pole**...

STAY AWAY AND CALL 911



Consider **all lines** to be live and dangerous.



Stay in place or inside your vehicle unless you see **fire** or **smoke**.



Warn others to stay at least **35 feet** away.



Tell others not to approach vehicle, downed lines, or anything that may be in contact with downed lines.



Call **911**.

In the Event of Fire or Smoke

Do not touch the ground and vehicle at the **same time**.



Jump from the vehicle with your **feet together**.



Shuffle away, avoid lifting your feet.



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Downed power lines can be deadly. ALWAYS assume a downed power line is live and avoid going near it or anything in contact with it.

Use Precaution

- Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 feet** away. Even more in wet conditions.
- Never drive over downed power lines or through water that is in contact with

them

- Never try to move a downed power line. Even using items that typically are not conductive **will not** prevent injury or death
- If you see a downed line call 911

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- Consider all lines to be live and dangerous
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- Warn others to stay at least 35 feet away
- Tell others not to approach vehicle, downed lines, or anything that may be in contact with downed lines
- Call 911

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- Do not touch the ground and vehicle at the same time
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