

# Stay *Aware*. Stay *Alive*.

## Overhead High-Voltage Power Line Safety

Identifying the locations of overhead high-voltage power lines and keeping an appropriate distance from them is a critical component of working safely – and can be a matter of life and death.

According to data from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, **contact with overhead power lines makes up the largest percentage of all workplace electrical fatalities.**

The occupations involved in the majority of all workplace electrical fatalities **are not** electrical occupations. These include construction workers, tree and landscape contractors and roofers.

### THE 10/10 RULE

Know how far away your work will be from overhead power lines. If you will be working within **10 feet** of power lines, contact our Building and Renovation Services group at **1-844-341-6378** at least **10 work days before** you begin so we can either deenergize or relocate the lines.\* This is not just for your safety; New York State law requires that you contact us and violations may result in civil penalties.

The 10 feet distance also applies to your vehicles, equipment and tools. Ladders, scaffolds, cranes, long-bed dump trucks and other equipment can easily contact overhead power lines. Work with a designated spotter whose only responsibility is to keep you clear of lines.

Our most important responsibility is safety and we want you and your co-workers to be safe. Close proximity to high-voltage power lines poses serious risk. Stay aware. *Stay alive.*

\* Please note that there may be a cost for requests to relocate facilities. Complex requests may require additional time. Contact us as early as practical.

Building and Renovation Services **1-844-341-6378**

## FIVE STEPS FOR WORKING SAFELY



### LOCATE OVERHEAD LINES

Survey your job site to find overhead power lines, poles, guy wires and service drops.



### INFORM CO-WORKERS WHAT'S OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND

Make sure everyone at the job site knows about nearby overhead power lines and underground utilities.



### DOWNED LINES

Assume any downed line is a live electric line. Stay at least 35 feet away and do not touch anything in contact with it. Never drive over any downed line.



### REMEMBER THE 10 FEET RULE

Keep all vehicles, equipment, tools and people at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.



### LOCATE UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

If your project involves digging, call 811, from 2-10 work days before work begins so utilities can mark the locations of underground facilities. This is a free service and required by law.