

WARNING

OVERHEAD POWER LINES



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For a copy of the High Voltage Safety Act statute, visit georgia811.com/userfiles/file/Overhead%20Protection%20Act%20PDF.pdf

Call Before You Reach

BE AWARE OF OVERHEAD POWER LINES

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Georgia's High Voltage Safety Act

PURPOSE

- To prevent injury to people and property; and
- To prevent interruptions of utility services from accidental contact with high voltage electric lines.

811 IS THE KEY

We all know to call 811 before digging. But you should also call 811 before working around overhead power lines.

The same 811 number protects you from accidental contact with both underground and overhead electrical hazards.

WHAT YOU DO

The Georgia High Voltage Safety Act requires the person responsible for work within 10 feet of overhead power lines to:

- Notify the Utilities Protection Center (UPC) by calling 811.
- Give the UPC at least 72 hours notice (excluding weekends and holidays).



- Provide this information when notifying the UPC: location (description of the land, county, closest town), person in charge of work (including address, phone number), type of work, reporting person (name, company, address, phone) and completion date.
- Assure that no work is started until the utility has taken safety precautions against accidental contact.
- Give the UPC a new notice if the work is delayed.

WHAT WE DO

Within a reasonable amount of time, Walton EMC will make arrangements to complete safeguards, including coordination of work schedules and payment costs.

The safeguards shall be to effectively guard against the danger from accidental contact by one or more of these methods deemed feasible by us under the circumstances:

- De-energizing and grounding the line
- Relocating the line
- Installing protective covering or mechanical barriers

PENALTIES

Besides the possibility of injury or death, not following the law has serious consequences. The first offense carries a \$1,000 fine. Second and subsequent offenses are a \$3,000 fine. The responsible person is also liable for any injury of damage that occurs.



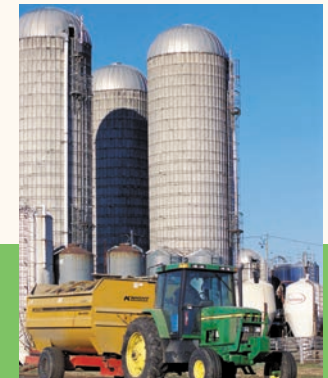
DEFINITIONS

- High voltage electric line – an electric line or lines installed above ground of at least 750 volts. (Most Walton EMC lines are 14,400 volts.)
- Work – any physical act of performing or preparing to perform any activity under, over, by or near high voltage lines including, but not limited to, the operation, erection, handling, storage or transportation of any tools, machinery, ladders, antennas, equipment, supplies, materials or apparatus or other structure.

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