

# 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 by email to [brsli@pseg.com](mailto:brsli@pseg.com) or call **1-844-341-6378** at least **10 work days before** you begin.\* 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-foot 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.

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## FIVE STEPS FOR WORKING SAFELY

### LOCATE OVERHEAD LINES



Survey your job site to locate 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 30 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.