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Our Mission

Provide safe, reliable electricity and quality services to the communities we serve by enhancing their quality of life through innovation and sustainable economic development.

Safety Above All Else

“Safety” is a universal word that is mentioned often and used loosely. Communities large and small as well as companies across all industries are committed to safety. Sports leagues, at every level, take safety seriously. Unfortunately, when it really counts, steps to keep the public, workers, athletes and loved ones safe are often ignored in the interest of expediency or convenience.

However, safety is a serious issue, especially when it comes to electrical safety. For Southeastern Indiana REMC, it’s the number one priority. This is not empty talk. Over time, your REMC has created a culture of safety by putting our employees’ safety and that of the community above all else. At its essence, our mission is to provide safe, affordable and reliable electricity to its member-owners. At the end of the day, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to our member-owners, but equally important, we want to return our workers home safely to their loved ones. To do this requires ongoing focus, dedication and vigilance.

Following leading national safety standards

Working with electricity is an inherently dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. Southeastern Indiana REMC has a safety team whose focus is keeping employees and the community safe around electricity. We established and follow safety protocols based on leading national safety practices for the utility industry. We require our lineworkers to wear specialized equipment when working next to or with power lines. There are specific protocols that our lineworkers follow when dealing with electricity. Our safety team has regular meetings where they discuss upcoming projects from a safety perspective. They monitor and track near-misses of accidents in order to understand them, share “lessons learned” and improve in the future.

We encourage all of our crews to speak up and hold each other accountable for safety. By cultivating a culture of openness and transparency, we promote problem-solving with regard to safety, rather than defaulting to a blame game. We examine the information and data gleaned from near-misses and accident reports to discern patterns and use safety metrics to improve in those areas where we have fallen short. As appropriate, we brief contractors on our safety protocols and set expectations for their engagement.

Keeping the community safe

Because we live and work in the community we serve, we care about our neighbors. Southeastern Indiana REMC conducts electrical safety demonstrations in schools and for community events.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

THINK OUTSIDE
THE HOME



It's that time of year when we're getting ready to give some much-needed TLC to the yard.

LEARN HOW TO STAY ELECTRICALLY SAFE OUTDOORS.

When starting a project that requires power tools, always ensure your outdoor outlets are up to standards. Make sure you have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) installed, which automatically cut power when a plugged item comes in contact with water. If you're using an extension cord, do not use it unless it is labeled "for outdoor use."

GUIDELINES FOR POWER TOOLS:

- Inspect the tool before and after each use.
- Replace or repair worn or defective equipment immediately.
- Keep the tool and the area you're working on clean to avoid fire hazards, and always store them in a dry place.
- Never use electric tools or mowers in wet areas.



PLUG into
SAFETY

Safety Above All Else continued

May is National Electrical Safety Month. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation, each year thousands of people in the United States are critically injured and electrocuted as a result of electrical fires, accidents and electrocution in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. There is much you can do to keep yourself and your community safe around electricity.

Don't attempt electrical DIY projects or overload your outlets. Report downed power lines, unlocked substations or padmount transformers that look amiss. Check out our website and social media channels for additional electrical safety tips. We'll be featuring daily tips throughout the month of May in observance of National Electrical Safety Month. If you would like us to provide a safety demonstration at your school or community event, please contact us to get it scheduled. Be mindful when it comes to electrical safety. Pause and take the extra time to plug into safety.



BE ENERGY SMART THIS SPRING!

Spring is a perfect time of the year to make your home more energy-efficient. Here are five quick tips that will save both energy and money.

1. **Seal the cracks and gaps around your home.** Spring may be the right time to put away those storm windows, but it is also a good time to add weather-stripping and caulking around leaky windows. Don't stop there, look for penetrations around your home that may need maintenance. Take a look.
2. **Change filters monthly.** Furnace and air conditioner filters need to be changed regularly. This will help your HVAC system have maximum performance. Dirty filters can restrict air flow and reduce the overall efficiency of your cooling system; making it work very hard on hot days.
3. **Check your refrigerator.** Clean the outside of the refrigerator as well as the inside. Gently vacuuming the outside coils and checking the seals for air leaks can improve the refrigerator's efficiency. Ideally, a refrigerator's temperature should be between 37 and 40 degrees for maximum efficiency. When it's time to replace your refrigerator, be sure to buy an ENERGY STAR labeled appliance.
4. **Think sun block.** You can save on your cooling costs each month by closing the blinds on your south-facing windows.
5. **Control temperature settings.** Do you have a programmable or smart thermostat? This is one of the first steps in regulating your cooling costs. Set your thermostat to 78 in the summer and 68 in the winter.