

DOWNED POWER LINE SAFETY



AVOID DANGERS AFTER A STORM

Indiana weather can be unpredictable. When a storm hits, the damage it has done can be unclear. Storms often damage power lines, exposing people to deadly dangers. Keep your family and neighbors safe with these downed-line safety tips during a storm recovery.

STAY SAFE AROUND DOWNED POWER LINES:

- If you see a downed power line, move away from it and anything touching it. Keep a distance of 35 feet, as the ground around downed power lines may be energized.
- Assume ALL downed power lines are live.
- If you see someone in direct or indirect contact with a downed line, DO NOT touch him/her. You could become energized as well. Call 911 for assistance.
- NEVER attempt to move a downed power line or anything else in contact with it using an object such as a broom or stick. Non-conductive materials like wood or cloth can conduct electricity if slightly wet.
- Don't step in water near downed lines.
- Never drive over a downed power line.
- If your vehicle comes in contact with a downed power line while you're in the vehicle, stay inside the car. Call 911 or honk your horn to get help, but tell those rendering aid to stay away from the vehicle.
- If you must exit the vehicle for life-threatening reasons — jump out and away from it, making sure to land with your feet together and touching. Then, shuffle away with your feet touching until you reach a safe distance. NEVER attempt to get back into a vehicle that is in contact with a power line.

