

LINEWORKER SAFETY & INNOVATION:

Protecting those who power your home



Every time the power goes out, Southeastern Indiana REMC's lineworkers are the first to respond — often working in hazardous conditions to restore service as quickly and safely as possible. Their job is one of the most demanding and dangerous professions, requiring specialized training, advanced equipment, and strict safety protocols to protect them while they work to keep your lights on.

Safety is our top priority



Linework involves high-voltage electricity, extreme weather, and challenging terrain, making safety a non-negotiable priority. To protect our crews, SEI REMC follows rigorous safety procedures that include:

- **Extensive Training** – Lineworkers undergo continuous education on proper climbing techniques, equipment handling, and electrical hazard awareness.
- **Protective Gear** – Insulated gloves, flame-resistant clothing, hard hats, and rubber sleeves help prevent electrical injuries.
- **Safety Protocols** – Crews use the “buddy system” to ensure that no one works alone in hazardous situations.
- **Regular Equipment Inspections** – Tools, vehicles, and gear are checked daily to ensure they meet safety standards.

Innovations that enhance lineworker safety

Advancements in technology are making linework safer and more efficient than ever. Some of the latest innovations include:

- **Smart Grid Technology** – Automated monitoring helps pinpoint outages and reroute power, reducing the need for manual inspections in dangerous conditions.
- **Drones** – Used for line inspections, drones allow crews to assess storm damage without climbing poles or entering unsafe areas.
- **Remote Disconnects** – Some equipment can now be operated remotely, allowing power to be restored without direct exposure to electrical hazards.



HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP LINEWORKERS SAFE

This Lineman Appreciation Day, let's not only thank our lineworkers for their dedication but also recognize the safety measures that protect them every day. Their commitment ensures that we all have safe, reliable power — no matter the conditions.

Members also play a role in keeping our crews safe. Here's how you can help:

- **Move Over & Slow Down** – If you see crews working on the roadside, give them space to work safely.
- **Report Downed Power Lines** – Stay at least 50 feet away and call SEI REMC immediately.
- **Respect Work Zones** – Avoid approaching lineworkers while they're working — your safety and theirs depend on it.