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## SEI Fiber Project Update

### SERVICE BEGINS AS MAIN LINE CONSTRUCTION AREAS EXPAND

Members in the Elrod, Versailles, and Hopewell areas will be among the first to receive SEI Fiber, the high-speed fiber-to-the-home internet service from Southeastern Indiana REMC.

On July 2, the first member was connected to test equipment and connection speeds. The first zone was flagged for service on July 26, and pre-registered members located in that zone were notified through SmartHub to begin signing up for service. Post cards were also mailed to all eligible members within that zone.

Once a member has completed the service agreement and pre-paid for service, the next steps are:

- Complete a drop survey.
- Schedule drop-installation from the pole to the house.
- Schedule the in-home installation/set up with SEI Communications.

Construction of the main line is also expanding, and crews have already begun working in the Jennings, Pleasant, and Five-Points areas. Pre-registered members in these areas have been notified through SmartHub that construction has started, and postcards have been mailed to all eligible members in these areas as well.

All members interested in receiving fiber service when it becomes available are encouraged to pre-register. This enables us to communicate updates with you quickly when we are working in your area. If you have questions about the scope of the project or want to see when your area will be served, visit the SEI Fiber page on our website, enter your address and view the service map.



# PLUG INTO SAFETY

School days are here again. Do you and your child know the electrical safety risks lurking between your house and their school?

The school bus stop is a place where friendships can be forged for life. But there are also hazards children should be aware of. Distracted drivers who don't see or choose to ignore the stopped school bus lights are something children all need to watch for as they stand on the curb or cross the road. But there are electrical hazards, too, children should be taught to avoid.

"A lot can happen in the few minutes children are waiting for the bus," said Brandon Linville, Director of Operations at REMC. "It's our duty as parents, grandparents or guardians to teach them of the dangers around them."

Keep these situations in mind when talking to your children about school bus and bus stop safety:

## DON'T PLAY NEAR OR AROUND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

- Warn your child not to climb up trees and electrical poles or on guy wires that might put them dangerously close to overhead power lines.
- Warn your child to stay away from pad-mount transformers (the big, usually green boxes) or other electrical equipment in your neighborhood. Children might view these as perfect for climbing and playing on or lying on while waiting for the bus. But 7,200 volts of electricity are usually coursing through them.
- Do some homework yourself: before the school year starts, find out exactly where the stop will be. Check it out yourself for blind spots and dangers curious kids might get into while waiting in the morning.

## THINK HOW TO STAY SAFE IN CASE THERE'S A BUS ACCIDENT.

- If the school bus is ever in an accident and ends up in a ditch, the bus may have hit a utility pole. Power lines may have dropped and be touching the bus. Teach your child to assume any fallen lines are still energized and dangerous. Let your child know if he or she is OK after an accident, remain in the bus as the driver calls 911.
- In an emergency, your child may need to exit the bus. Show him or her how to jump clear from the bus with both feet together, avoiding contact with the bus and the ground at the same time. Then, he or she should shuffle away with tiny steps, keeping both feet together and on the ground at all times. This will reduce the risk for electrical shock or electrocution. Tell your child to look closely for fallen power lines to avoid accidentally walking into them. Take the opportunity to practice this with your child, even if it's just from your own vehicle.