

Powerline Safety Tips – Look Up! Stay safe when sprucing up your home and property.



Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, many of us are eager to begin landscaping, repairing leaky eaves troughs or painting faded shutters and trim. Before you pull out the ladder and tools, the Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation and the Electrical Safety Authority remind Ontarians to Look Up and Look Out for powerlines.

Severe and even fatal injuries can occur by touching or even being in close proximity to powerlines. The flow of electricity through the human body can burn, severely injure or kill. That leaves no room for mistakes – never put yourself in electricity’s path.

Here are a few valuable safety tips to stay safe.

- ✓ Never attempt to trim trees around powerlines. Instead, call Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation and we can help. Only trained and experienced workers should trim trees around powerlines.



- ✓ Be sure to look up, locate and keep clear of overhead powerlines and masts. Before you work on roofs, eaves troughs, and siding ensure you have the necessary clearance.
- ✓ Beware of overhead powerlines when using ladders. Carry ladders horizontally and always check before extending or moving your ladder.
- ✓ Powerlines are underground too! Before digging post holes, deck supports or anything that needs to go below the frost line, call Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation. We can help locate underground powerlines and protect you from potential electric shock.



- ✓ Downed powerlines may be live. Stay at least 35 feet or 11 metres away as electricity can travel through water and the ground around powerlines. Immediately call 911 and then report any downed wires to Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation at 705-864-0111. Stay well back.
- ✓ Refrain from clearing branches or other debris until the power is disconnected or powerlines are repaired.

For more information, please visit: www.powerlinesafety.info.