

Safety First Around Electricity

For electricity to work, it travels in a completed circuit, it always travels in the path of least resistance, and it tries to travel to the ground. Typically, we are safe around every day uses of electricity; however, it's very important to be aware of the dangers associated with electricity and how to keep ourselves protected when situations arise that could potentially put us in danger of electric shock or fire. Injuries and accidents happen when electrical appliances are used improperly, procedure is not followed, or when safety systems are disregarded. Only adequately trained qualified workers should attempt to work on repairing a potentially dangerous electrical situation. Use of common sense and following simple safety precautions can help avoid senseless injury and/or tragedy.

The old adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" has never been truer when it comes to electrical safety. Exercise extreme caution when encountering any of the following conditions:

Working around overhead high-voltage powerlines: Trimming trees, climbing ladders, and flying kites can turn deadly if contact is made with a non-insulated overhead power line.

Digging Near Buried Lines: Always call your local utilities before digging. This applies to gas and water lines as well.

Overloaded Circuits: Plugging in too many cords in a single outlet can be very dangerous causing the circuit to overheat and start a fire.

Damaged Cords or Insulation on Wires: Immediately stop using a cord that is damaged or has exposed wire. Have a qualified electrician repair or replace any damaged wires.

Using Portable Power Tools: Never use around wet areas. Immediately stop using if the tools overheat or start sparking. Repair or replace any damaged tools.

May is National Electricity Safety Month

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety at home and in the workplace. ESFI has designated May as National Electricity Safety Month. Visit <http://www.esfi.org> for a wealth of information on how to protect your home and family from electrical hazards.

Office Closing
Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

New and Improved website coming soon! Stay tuned for a new look you're sure to like.

Save the Date
Saturday, August 6 – OCEC Annual Meeting.

Tip of the Month

Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the cooperative.



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