



Farm Electrical Safety Reminder

Spring fieldwork is ramping up, and that means more time around large equipment and overhead power lines. It's the time of year to refocus on electrical safety—because preparation and awareness aren't optional on the farm, they're what keep you alive.

Every year, dozens of farm workers lose their lives to electrical accidents, and the risk is growing as equipment gets larger and taller. Power lines aren't always obvious—but the danger is always real.

Stay Alert Around Power Lines

- Always look up when moving equipment like tractors, augers, or planters
- Know your equipment height and maintain at least **10 feet of clearance** on all sides
- Use a spotter when working with tall equipment
- Never try to move or lift a power line—call your utility if lines are low or sagging
- Watch for hidden hazards like damaged guy wires—they can become energized

If Equipment Contacts a Power Line

- Stay in the cab and call 911
- Keep others at least **40 feet away**
- Only exit if there's immediate danger (like fire):
 - Jump clear with both feet together
 - Do NOT touch equipment and ground at the same time
 - Shuffle or hop away until you're at least 10 feet away
- Never return to the equipment until the power is shut off

Farming is demanding work—but electrical safety comes down to awareness, planning, and quick decisions. Share this reminder with your team and family. It could save a life.