

5 ways to stay safe this harvest

1. Keep farm equipment at least 10 feet from power lines.
2. Use a spotter when moving large equipment near power lines and be aware of higher antennas on large modern tractors.
3. Use care when raising augers or truck beds. Lower portable augers or elevators to their lowest level before moving. Variables like wind, uneven ground, shifting weight or other conditions can combine to create an unexpected result.
4. Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path.
5. Don't use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins. Be careful not to raise equipment such as ladders, poles or rods into power lines.



Stay safe-stay inside the vehicle/equipment

If your car or farm equipment comes into contact with a power line, stay inside. If the power line is energized and you step outside, your body becomes the path and electrocution is the result. Warn others who may be nearby to stay away and wait until the electric utility arrives to make sure power to the line is cut off.

If there is the unlikely threat of fire or other risk, the proper action is to jump – not step – with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Do not allow any part of your body to touch the equipment and the ground at the same time.

Continue to hop or shuffle to safety, keeping both feet together as you leave the area. Once you are away from the



equipment, never attempt to get back on or even touch the equipment.

Many electrocutions occur when the operator dismounts and, realizing

nothing has happened, tries to get back on the equipment.

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