

# REMEMBER ELECTRICAL SAFETY

As you prepare for planting season, don't forget to plan for safety. There are many aspects to safety on the farm, but electrical safety is often overlooked. Farming equipment has increased in size to cover more ground in less time. This is a great advancement in farming, but equipment's wider and taller reach can increase the chances of making contact with an overhead power line or a utility pole. Keep these safety tips in mind as you prepare for planting:



## TRAIN OTHERS

Train anyone working on your farm, including family members and seasonal workers, about electrical hazards.



## USE A SPOTTER

When working in the vicinity of power lines, always have a spotter on the ground, who can direct you away from power lines or poles if you are getting too close.



## SAFETY FIRST

Have daily meetings to review the day's work and discuss safety implications. Know and review where the power lines are, the clearance required, and the proper position of extensions as they are transported.



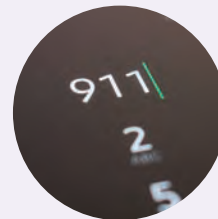
## DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAB

If your machine or truck makes contact with a power line, pole, or guy wire, you could become electricity's path to ground and become electrocuted if you step out of the cab.



## WAIT TO UNFOLD

Remind workers to fold or unfold extensions well into the field, not close to the field's edge where power lines are typically located.



## CALL 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 to have your electric utility dispatched to de-energize the power source. Only exit the cab if your equipment is on fire. If that happens, make a solid jump and hop away with feet together as far as you can.