

Whether you've been through 30 planting seasons or three, be alert to the dangers of working near overhead power lines. You and those working on your farm should know and follow electrical safety precautions to avoid potential hazards.

When near power lines, poles or other electrical equipment:

- Keep yourself and equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines at all times.
- Be aware of increased height when loading and transporting.
- Designate preplanned routes that avoid potential hazards.
- Lower extensions to the lowest setting before moving loads.
- Use a spotter and deploy flags when moving equipment.
- Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path.
- If you are on equipment that contacts a power line, do not exit the equipment. Call 911 or Eastern Illini and wait for help to arrive.
- If you think a pole or line has been damaged, call us at 800-824-5102.

