

If you're working near overhead power lines, you **must** do one of two things:



Call Toronto Hydro for more information about having your power lines de-energized (power temporarily cut off) or relocated/removed, or



Call Toronto Hydro to have the lines covered. This makes the lines highly visible to remind workers about the overhead danger.

There is a fee for these services. Call ahead to get an estimate and to get details on the schedule for installation.

Please note that work may be performed by an authorized contractor of Toronto Hydro.

416.542.2618

IMPORTANT NOTE: Covered lines draw attention to the dangers of live power lines — they do not protect against the hazards of contact. All live power lines, covered or uncovered, are a significant safety hazard and should be avoided. The Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act requires that people and equipment keep a minimum distance of 3 metres (10 ft.) from high voltage power lines (750 volts and above); all lines must be treated as high voltage lines until the voltage has been identified by Toronto Hydro.

If you come in contact with a power line

- Remain on the equipment. Stepping off creates a path to ground and that could be fatal.
- Keep others away. Don't touch the victim or the equipment while still in contact with energized power lines. Even walking close to the energized area could be fatal.
- Call 911 immediately.

For more information, call **416.542.2618** or visit torontohydro.com/powerlinesafety



Working near power lines?



STAY SAFE — KNOW THE DANGERS



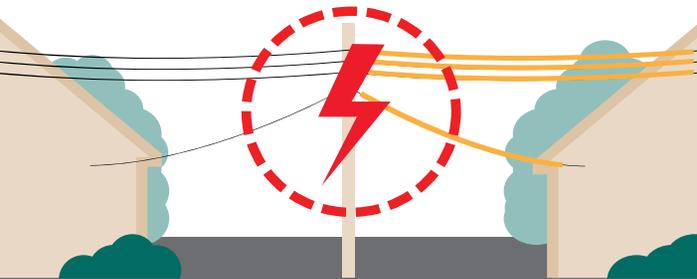
Working near power lines? Make the area safe, it's the law.

Contact with a live power line can cause severe injuries and in some cases, death. It is in everyone's interest to follow safety standards. But more than that, it's the law as stated by the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act.

It is the constructor's responsibility to ensure that everyone on the work site adheres to the safe limits of approach for live lines. Otherwise, your work site could be shut down. Should an injury occur, you could be held liable, whether you're the property owner or contractor.

Take care with all lines

Contact with any power line, even a residential (secondary) one, could cause severe injury or death. That's why it's important that proper precautions are taken to protect workers and stay within the law. The Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act requires that people and equipment keep a minimum distance of 3 metres (10 ft.) from high voltage power lines (750 volts and above); all lines must be treated as high voltage lines until the voltage has been identified by Toronto Hydro.



**Uncovered or Covered:
TREAT ALL LINES AS HIGH VOLTAGE LINES**

Survey your work site well in advance

Before you start any construction project, review the job with your contractors, pointing out the location of all overhead and underground power lines within or near the work area.

Keep equipment away



The regulations specify that if you're using equipment near power lines, the same precautions must be taken.

Tools, ladders, trucks, cranes, backhoes, scaffolds, antennas, and other equipment/materials capable of conducting electricity must not be stored or used close to: energized electrical equipment, installations or conductors.

Pay special attention to lines that may be crossing roads or other approaches for equipment and vehicles.

A signal person must be available



A signal person must be on hand to assist the operator whenever the equipment is near overhead power lines.

Signs must be posted



Signs must be posted for the operators of cranes and other equipment warning them of the potential electrical hazard of overhead power lines.

Inspect your power line covers daily

Toronto Hydro inspects each project's power line covers on a two-week basis. If you have covers installed, you must inspect them each day before work starts. Look for gaps and loose or fallen line covers. If you notice any exposed wires or equipment, call Toronto Hydro and we will make the necessary repairs.



GAPS



LOOSE



FALLEN OFF

Power line covers retested every six months

Toronto Hydro safety regulations require that all line protection devices be removed and replaced every six months.

We're concerned about your safety! Always think about potential electrical hazards.