

Reduce Your Risk

- Comply with all electrical line clearances as outlined by the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) as well as all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
- Contact Delmarva Power for details about the power lines in your work area.
- Call Miss Utility before you begin digging.
- Share information about risks with your family, employees and subcontractors.
- Contractors should discuss power line and underground utility safety in their tailgate sessions or job briefings before every job.
- If damage, dislocation or disruption of an underground utility occurs, immediately notify the affected utility company.
- If damage creates an emergency, take immediate steps to safeguard health and property.

**Call Delmarva Power at
1-800-375-7117 before working
near overhead power lines.**

Before planning any excavation work or digging, notify Miss Utility by phone at:

Delaware **1-800-282-8555**

Eastern Shore of Maryland **1-800-441-8355**

Western Maryland **1-800-257-7777**

Virginia **1-800-552-7001**

You can also notify Miss Utility via the web:

**For Delaware and Maryland worksites, go to
www.missutility.net/itics**

**For Virginia worksites, go to
www.missutilityofvirginia.com**



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WORK SAFELY NEAR UTILITIES



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Safe working procedures for homeowners and contractors

Work safely near overhead power lines

Overhead high-voltage power lines can present hazards for anyone doing work overhead — from homeowners painting their homes or cleaning gutters to contractors operating cranes, booms, or other high-reaching construction equipment. Accidental contact with power lines can result in serious injury or death. Even objects made of non-metallic materials such as fiberglass or wood can conduct electricity under certain conditions.

Follow OSHA guidelines — it's the law

OSHA and the NESC have established minimum safe working clearances for working near high-voltage power lines. Share these guidelines with anyone (contractor or homeowner) working near overhead power lines. Until you are able to verify a power line's voltage, always work at least 25 feet from it (the distance ordered by OSHA for the highest voltage lines). Violation of these safe working clearances can result in serious injury or even death.

Call Delmarva Power before you begin

In New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and other states, anyone working near overhead high-voltage power lines is required by law to call the owner of the lines before starting work. Delmarva Power can help you complete the job safely. Call 1-800-375-7117. We can:

- Identify the voltage of overhead power lines located near the construction site or work area.
- Help create a safety plan for completing the job.
- Offer a cost estimate, when practical, for temporarily relocating overhead power lines.
- Help direct you to the owner of the power lines, should they not belong to Delmarva Power.



Underground Utilities Require Special Care

Call Miss Utility before you begin

The law requires everyone to call Miss Utility, a free utility locating service, 2 to 10 work days (3 days in Virginia) in advance of any excavating, boring, pile-driving, blasting, or hand digging (even for landscaping or placing a sign) so that utility companies can mark the location of underground utility lines. Always remember, striking an underground utility line could result in death or severe personal injury. You or your company could also be legally responsible for any repair bills, fines, and property damage.

- Notify the applicable Miss Utility
- Wait for all utilities to mark the location of their underground utilities in the work area
- Respect the markings
- Dig prudently
- Protect the utility pipelines or cables

Taking these actions will help prevent serious injury or fatality, property damage, or costly repair bills or fines.

You can check the status of your request:

- In Delaware by phone at 1-800-375-7117
- In Maryland by phone at 1-866-821-4226 or on the Internet at http://www.missutility.net/search_status/
- In Virginia by phone at 1-800-552-3120