

Lifetime of SAFETY

Safety messages for Texans of all ages

Back to School: Protect Children from Deadly High-Voltage Detours

With young people on the road to and from school, and possibly exploring the neighborhood along the way, Oncor Electric Delivery reminds everyone to heed warning signs and stay clear of high-voltage electric equipment.

Even utility rights-of-way can hold hazards such as poison ivy, poison oak, fire ants and snakes. Oncor employees who regularly work in those areas are careful to wear protective clothing including hard-toed shoes or boots and to carry a first aid kit.



Oncor offers these safety tips for “kids” of all ages in neighborhoods with electrical equipment:

- **Do not play near electric equipment such as padmount transformers, substations, or utility poles and towers.** Never climb over a fence into a substation or other restricted area.
- **Observe all warning signs,** and teach children to stay away from any area marked “Danger,” “High Voltage” or “Keep Out.”
- **Never touch or lean against transmission poles or towers.** Although they are grounded for protection, they should always be considered off limits.
- **Airborne toys such as balloons, model airplanes and kites should be kept away from power lines and equipment.** If a toy lodges in a high-voltage area or a nearby tree, leave it there. Do not try to retrieve it.
- **Don’t build or plant anything in a utility right-of-way.** Such obstructions can keep emergency personnel from reaching vital equipment or downed power lines.
- **Encourage all young people to learn and follow electric safety rules.** A good way to start is to visit oncor.com, click on Community, and go to Kid’s Corner and Electrical Safety World.

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