Butler Public Power District

April 2020

Work Zone Awareness Week
•April 20-24•

Sometimes utilities must put trucks and personnel in roadways to make repairs or install new equipment to keep power on at your home and business. Workers in these situations might already be facing the hazards of dealing with high voltage, and they increase their risk when establishing a work zone in the roadway. No matter how big the work zone, it requires drivers to pay attention to avoid a crash.

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearing House has developed a list of ways to stay safe in work zones:

- Never use a cell phone or text while driving.
- Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.
- Slow down.
- Don't tailgate.
- Pay attention to the signs.
- Obey the flaggers.
- Be patient and stay calm.
- Know the road rules for work zones.

Keeping a safe distance between your car and the construction workers and equipment, driving the posted work zone speed limit, and using your four-way flashers when stopping or traveling slowly can help reduce accidents in work zones.

When you are making travel plans, keep in mind that many states also provide road construction information on their respective department of transportation websites that can be consulted before starting a trip. If you know that you are going to be traveling through a work zone, giving yourself a little extra time to get to your destination can also help.

For more safety information, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Youth Energy Leadership Camp
July 20-24, 2020

Contact our office to apply today!

To be eligible for this year's camp you must:

» Currently be in 9th, 10th or 11th grade

» Be an electric customer of Butler PPD

Applications are due to Butler PPD by May 15th

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Lineman Appreciation Day

Every day, but especially on April 13th, Lineman Appreciation Day, we want to say thank you to all of Butler Public Power District's lineman for the important role they play in safely providing our customers with low cost and reliable electricity. Our crews do a great job making sure the lights stay on.

#ThankALineman

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Scott Hoeft
Rich Jansen
Tim Kovar
Parker Mastny
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Nick Romshek
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April is Safe Digging Month

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.

4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.

5. DIG CAREFULLY

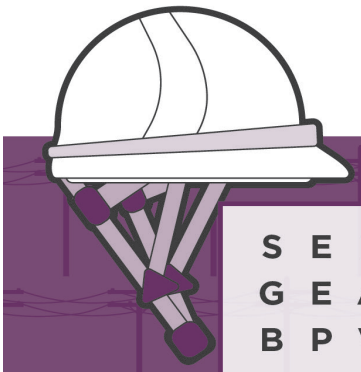
If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.

LINEWORKER GEAR WORD SEARCH

Did you know lineworkers wear special protective gear to keep them safe while working on power lines and other electrical equipment?

Read the descriptions to learn about a lineworker's gear and find the bolded words in the puzzle below.

- **Safety goggles** keep debris away from lineworkers' eyes while on the job.
- **Hard hats** protect lineworkers from head injuries and falling debris.
- **Work boots** provide extra protection while lineworkers work with heavy materials that could fall near their feet.
- **Flame-resistant** clothing keeps lineworkers safe from electrical hazards.
- **Insulated gloves** protect lineworkers from electrical shock while working on power lines.
- **Equipment belts** hold several tools that lineworkers need to get the job done.



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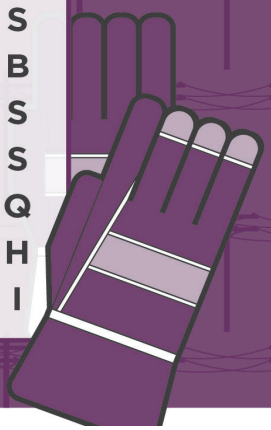

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