

# SAFETY BRIEFING

## EVALUATE SIZE OF WORK EQUIPMENT

- ▶ Could extending equipment arms contact wires?
- ▶ Could raising the box contact wires?
- ▶ Are antennas high enough to contact wires?
- ▶ Could digging equipment reach underground wires?
- ▶ Is this equipment larger than I'm used to?
- ▶ Am I remembering to retract equipment before moving?



## REVIEW YOUR WORK ROUTE

- ▶ Where is the electric infrastructure (overhead and underground)?
- ▶ Could line slack have changed with the weather?
- ▶ Has 8-1-1 been called if digging is in the work plan?
- ▶ Have I taken this route recently?



## KNOW HOW CLOSE IS TOO CLOSE

- ▶ Am I maintaining a 10-foot clearance between my equipment and power lines/poles?
- ▶ Is someone available to spot me in areas that are difficult to determine?
- ▶ Could an autosteer function bring me too close to wires?





## UNDERSTAND WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF CONTACT

### ► You see a downed wire/pole

- Stay at least 35 feet away.
- Call 9-1-1 or your local utility electric co-op to report it.



### ► You clipped a wire/pole but are no longer in contact

- Stay at least 35 feet away.
- Call 9-1-1 or your local utility electric co-op to report it.

### ► You hit a wire/pole and are still in contact

- STAY IN THE CAB/VEHICLE – the ground could be energized.
- Call 9-1-1 or your local utility electric co-op for immediate response.
- Warn others to stay away from the area.
- Wait for utility responders and don't exit until you're told it's safe.

### ► You hit a wire/pole, are still in contact, and there is smoke or fire

- Cross your arms tightly across your chest.
- Open the door and jump out with your feet tightly together.
- DO NOT touch the ground and vehicle at the same time.
- Shuffle or bunny hop far away. Do not let your feet come apart.
- Call 9-1-1.



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**9-1-1**

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**Local Electric  
Cooperative/Utility**

