



ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

FROM KERRVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

Because we use electric power in so many of our everyday tasks, it's easy to forget that it can pose risks. At KPUB, we care about the safety of our customers, & by following these electrical safety tips, you can protect your home & your family.



Outlets

Many electrical fires are caused by outlets & extension cords being overloaded. Be cautious about adding additional power strips, & never tug/pull on cords. Prevent children from inserting objects or their fingers in them w/safety covers.



Electricity around water

Keep electrical appliances, toys & radios away from water unless they are battery-operated.

When you are wet, standing in water or have wet hands, never touch electric cords, switches or appliances.



Call 811 before you dig

Many utility lines may be lying beneath the surface. 8-1-1 is the phone number you call before digging a few days in advance to protect yourself & others from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines.



Power line safety

Do not allow children to climb on trees or utility poles that may put them in contact with high voltage power lines. Never fly kites, drones or model airplanes near power lines. Beware of power lines when using/moving ladders and trimming trees.



Downed power lines

Never touch anything or anyone in contact with a power line. When a live wire touches the ground, electricity fans out through the ground. The minimum safe distance from the line is 35 feet. Call KPUB immediately to report a downed power line.



Hitting an electricity pole

If your vehicle strikes an electricity pole & a wire has fallen, your vehicle is the safest place for you to be (unless the vehicle is on fire.) Call 9-1-1 immediately, & warn others not to touch the vehicle. Only attempt to exit if the vehicle is on fire.

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