Tree work is one of the nation’s highest risk professions. Approximately one tree worker is killed each week in the U.S. by electrocution! Don’t let it be you…

Do you have the required training to work safely in trees near power lines?

Qualified line clearance workers have:

• Adhered to OSHA standard CFR 1910.269.
• Completed tree care industry required formal or specialized line clearance training.
• Been certified by current employer as qualified to perform this work.
• Proficiency and skill to perform tree work within proximity (10 feet) of overhead energized conductors.

Before work begins:

• Always conduct pre-job briefings, including hazard identification.
• Identify all electric hazards:
  – Be thorough and verify the location of all overhead power lines and distance from planned tree care work.
  – ONLY proceed if able to always maintain required minimum 10-foot clearance distance from conductors with all tools, parts of the body and branches.

Historically, electrocution is the single-most common fatal incident among tree workers as a result of direct (usually the hand or shoulder), or indirect (usually with a branch or tool) contact with overhead conductor. To learn more about obtaining line clearance qualifications, visit: www.tcia.org.
Call ahead!

Schedule a Make Ready Clearance from Xcel Energy. Call 800.895.4999.

Make Ready Clearance – high voltage primary lines, typically from pole to pole.

• When scheduling a Make Ready Clearance, please allow two to four weeks for assistance. One of our Vegetation Management representatives will be in touch to coordinate the work.
• Advise homeowner or business that a Make Ready Clearance will be requested to support safety of tree workers.
• At no charge to you, Xcel Energy will provide a qualified line clearance crew to clear branches approximately 10 feet away from primary conductors (high voltage).
• Note: All debris will be left on site for disposal by others.

Service Line Disconnect or Loop Drop – lower voltage lines, typically from pole to house or business and street light wires.

• Contact us for a service or loop drop so the work can be completed safely in nearby trees.
• Don’t risk it! It’s the current (amperes) that kills or severely harms, not the voltage. Electric shock is usually more severe as current rises. Ventricular fibrillation can can occur at 100 milliamps, often resulting in death.
• Charges may apply in some Xcel Energy areas. Inquire when scheduling your appointment (800.895.4999).

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