Environmental Health and Safety

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Electricity

Wherever you are it is important to recognize electrical safety hazards. Power lines and electrical outlets are both potentially dangerous under certain circumstances. The following tips will help you learn what to do when a power line falls, and how to make sure electrical outlets are safe to use.

If You See a Fallen Power Line:

- Do not ever touch or go near a downed power line. **Always assume the power line is live.**

- Do not touch anything in contact with the fallen power line.

- Do not drive over a downed power line.

- Call 911 immediately to report the downed power line.

Resources

[What To Do If You See Downed Power Lines](#)

[Electrical Outlet Safety Tips](#)

[Clark Public Utilities](#)

[Portland General Electric](#)

Electrical Outlet Safety Tips:

- Regularly check electrical outlets for safety.

- Make sure there are no exposed wires, cracks or holes, and that covers are intact. Replace covers if needed.

- If young children use the space ensure outlets are protected by covers or safety mechanisms.

- Use appliance plugs correctly. Hold the base of the plug securely to plug and unplug.

- Protect cords and outlets by not pulling the cord to unplug or unplugging at an angle.

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