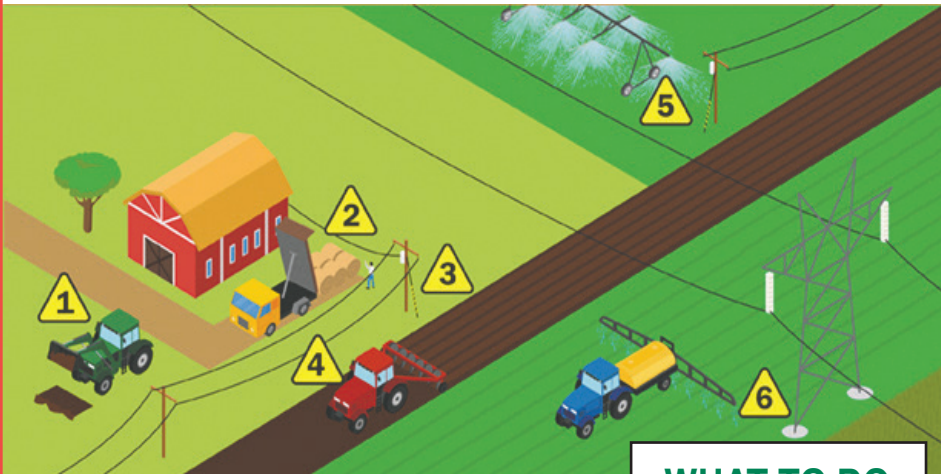


ATTENTION FARMERS

POWER LINE
SAFETY
ON THE FARM

As technology expands and evolves, farming and industrial equipment gets larger to meet growing demands. Moving massive equipment requires enhanced safety measures.

CAREFULLY SURVEY OVERHEAD AND USE EXTREME CAUTION WHILE MOVING ANY HEAVY MACHINERY NEAR POWER LINES.



SAFETY TIPS THAT ARE ALWAYS IN SEASON

1. Know what's below. **CALL 811** before starting any digging project.
2. Always **USE A SPOTTER** to warn you of any dangers when moving equipment.
3. If you strike a guy-wire, **NEVER REPAIR IT YOURSELF**. Call your local utility right away.
4. **WATER CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY**, so be careful when irrigating near power lines.
5. Keep yourself and machinery **AT LEAST 10 FEET AWAY** from overhead power lines.
6. Be extra careful when operating sprayers, planters, and cultivators. **KNOW THE HEIGHT AND WIDTH OF YOUR FARM EQUIPMENT** to prevent accidental contact.

WHAT TO DO

If there is any chance of making contact with power lines, **DON'T MOVE**. If there is need of immediate medical assistance, **CALL 911**.

If not, call **CEC (757-242-6181)**. Tell bystanders to stay away. If you must exit, jump as far as possible so no part of your body is touching the machinery when you land.

KEEP BOTH FEET TOGETHER, and shuffle or hop until you are at least 40 feet away.

STEP POTENTIAL

If the equipment you are in hits a utility pole, the surrounding area can become energized.

STEP POTENTIAL is voltage between the span of one step.

1. Voltage is highest at the source and fades as the energy moves across the ground.
2. Stepping on two different voltages at the same time may electrocute you.
3. If you see a downed line, the safest place is inside the cab or on the equipment



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**Even if you do not touch power lines...
you can still be killed or seriously injured.**