



TIPS ON ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Each year over 1400 people are killed by electricity, and many more are badly injured. To keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe, here are some precautions to follow around electricity.

KITES AND MODEL PLANES

- ** Never use metal strings or any metal when building a flying toy!!
- ** Don't fly kites or planes anywhere near overhead power lines.
- ** Don't fly them in wet weather or use strings that absorb moisture.
- ** If your kite or plane gets caught in an overhead line, DON'T pull the string or try to climb up after it. Keep others away and call North Star Electric at 634-2202.

TREE CLIMBERS

- ** Stay away from trees near overhead lines. The wind or your own weight could make a limb touch a line and carry the electricity to you. Even the slightest touch could cause injury or death.
- ** Never climb or stand under any tree in bad weather.

SAFE SIDE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- ** Don't climb on or near substations or poles. If any pedestals or pad mounted transformers appear to be open or damaged, stay away and call us.
- ** If you notice that the location of a power line is a hazard, or if you see a downed line, stay away from it and keep others away too. Call North Star Electric at 634-2202 to report ANY safety issue.

HOME, SAFE HOME

- ** Don't touch anything electrical if your hands are wet or you are standing on a wet surface.
- ** Never put anything except a plug into a wall outlet. Use outlet covers to protect children.
- ** Don't set radios or appliances where they could fall into the bathtub, shower, or sink.
- ** Unplug small appliances such as toasters, coffeemakers, etc., when not in use.

North Star has an excellent electrical safety demonstration to share with any interested group, young or old. It is mobile and can easily be set up in a classroom. If you would like to schedule a presentation to your group, please call North Star Electric Cooperative.