

The line on fallen power lines

High winds and storms can cause power lines to fall. Be alert and always assume all fallen lines are energized, says MidAmerican Energy. Stay away from anything that is touching the line, such as a tree, fence, or vehicle.

- Do not touch someone who is being shocked by a fallen power line.
- Report the downed line to 911.
- Shuffle, don't run, from a fallen line. Shuffle with your feet together and on the ground. Warn others not to run. When a live wire touches the ground, electricity travels through the ground in all directions. If you run or take large steps, you increase the chance you could be shocked.
- Stay safe inside your car if a line comes down on or near your vehicle. Don't touch metal parts of the car such as the radio. Wait until electrical workers turn off the power and tell you it's safe to leave the vehicle.

