

Staying safe during harvest



Harvest season is in full swing, and with it comes specific safety precautions. The following safety tips apply year-round but are especially important this time of year.

- Look up, look out and look around. Be aware of overhead power lines at all times. If you must move equipment under a line, have someone watching to ensure an

electrical contact doesn't occur.

- Don't stack hay or round bales near electrical lines to avoid electrical contact with hay loaders or other moving equipment.
- Always lower grain augers when moving from bin to bin.
- Be aware of the location of guy wires and anchors on overhead power lines.

- When moving farm equipment, know the loaded height so contact isn't made with overhead power lines on roads and around field entrances.

Regardless of the time of year, never approach a downed power line. Always assume it's energized and notify OPPD immediately or call 911.



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A life-saving tool for rural OPPD workers



OPPD field employees who work alone in rural areas have a new life-saving safety tool at their disposal when they're up in a bucket truck.

Line crews, street lighters, troubleshooters and automation technicians recently received self-rescue kits that

severe winter storms and frigid temperatures. Getting stuck in a bucket could become dangerous in those conditions.

The kits consist of a rope, straps, rappelling device and locking carabiners, all stored

in an insulated bag. One carabiner attaches to a sturdy metal rail on the bucket as an anchor point. Users connect themselves to the rope with a different locking carabiner that hooks onto their work harnesses. They can then lower themselves safely to the ground.

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