



Stay Safe Around Power Lines

Please consider these safety tips to keep you, your family and your people safe.

- **Check the height of your equipment.** If equipment is new, confirm the height, update your GPS with any changes and carefully consider your route to ensure you can cross safely under power lines. Exercise caution at all times but particularly if equipment is higher than 4.1 meters (13.5 feet).
- **Stay 7 meters (13 feet) away from power lines.** Keep this in mind when operating equipment like grain augers and air seeders, or when lifting truck boxes or back hoes.
- **Stack and store wisely.** Whether you're storing grain in a bin or a pile of hay bales, stack and store at least 7 meters (13 feet) away from power lines.
- **Plan before moving tall equipment.** Map your route and locate and remember where any overhead power lines are located along that route. If you don't know whether it's safe to cross under or work near a power line, call ATCO for help: [1-855-277-1670](tel:1-855-277-1670).
- **Click before you dig.** Before digging or driving posts into the ground, connect with [Alberta One-Call](#) to request an underground locate. Utilities are closer to the surface of the ground than you think.
- **Assume downed power lines are energized.** Stay at least 10 meters (33 feet) away and warn others of the danger. Call 911 or ATCO's electricity 24-hour emergency line: [1-800-668-5506](tel:1-800-668-5506).

Power Line Height Didn't Change but Equipment Height Did!

The average power line height in agricultural areas is 4.2 meters (or 13.75 feet).

Since 1950, the height of some farm equipment has doubled, but the power line heights have stayed the same.



In 1950, an average farm tractor was about 1.98 meters tall (almost 6.5 feet) which left a clearance of 2.22 meters or (7 feet, 2 in.).



In today's farming environment, many tractors are 3.95 meters tall (13 feet) which leaves a significantly lower clearance of **only 0.25 meters or 10 inches!**

For power outages, emergency power troubles and service requests, contact the distribution system operator for FENN REA: **ATCO Electric**
Phone toll-free: 1-800-668-2248

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Farm Safety Tips for Working Alone

So, what's the big deal about working alone?

Working alone isn't really all that dangerous. Some tasks are even designed to be done alone. The real danger in working alone comes from being in an emergency without the ability to call for help. That is why it is important to consider various scenarios that might impact your safety while doing a task by yourself.

One step is to ask the following questions.

- Is assistance readily available?
- What if I didn't tell anybody what I was doing/where I was going?
- What could I do to plan and prepare for a working alone situation?
- Do I have a clear understanding of the task and environment I am working in?

What can be done to minimize the risk associated with working alone?

Start by identifying work-alone situations in your operation and what measures you can take to address the possible hazards that might impact an individual's safety.

Your procedures might include:

- Carrying a communication device while working alone and ensuring that device can connect to a network in your geo area.
- Designating a contact person. This allows you to establish a check-in schedule when working alone. Let the designated contact person know what to do if you've failed to connect at a scheduled check-in time.

- Avoiding inherently dangerous tasks while working alone. Some things to avoid are climbing a bin, working in a confined space or handling chemicals. When these tasks are on the list, try to organize some help.
- Identifying a secure place that can offer shelter, for example in the event of a lightning storm.
- Training any other workers, whether family or staff, who will be affected by the procedures. Anybody working alone in your operation should know how to work safely.

Visit agsafeab.ca for more information.



Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For March 2019, the RRO is priced at \$0.05558 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For April 2019, the Battle River Power Coop monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.05791; the billing rate charged to FENN REA members is \$0.05791. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from the distribution company in your service area.

For information about the electricity industry and for a list of Alberta licensed retailers, visit the Utilities Consumer Advocate at www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call toll free 310-4822. For a list of retailers registered within the FENN REA area visit: www.fennrea.com.

Information on **FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan** can be found on our website: www.fennrea.com