

## Responding to Power Line Contacts

Contact with power lines is 100% preventable when you plan ahead, know the size of your equipment and watch for the power lines. But if your equipment happens to come in contact with a power line, follow these steps to avoid potential injury or possible death:

- 1 Break the contact.** Do what you can to break the electrical circuit. When possible, move the arm of your sprayer or auger, or whatever is touching the line, away from the line. Be sure to drive at least 10 meters away from the site of contact.
- 2 Stay put and keep others away.** If you can't break the contact, stay in your vehicle and warn others to away at least 10 meters from the downed powerline(s) or damaged power facilities.
- 3 Call for help immediately.** Call 911 or ATCO Electric's emergency line (1-800-668-5506) so crews can isolate and ground the line to make it safe to walk and work around.

If you must exit your vehicle, follow these steps to stay safe:

- 1 Call for help and to advise someone of your situation.** Call 911 or ATCO Electric's emergency line (1-800-668-5506).
- 2 Open the door to your vehicle.** Turn the door handle slowly and do not touch the frame. Open the vehicle / equipment door as wide as possible.
- 3 Jump from your vehicle, landing with both feet together.** When jumping, make sure you don't touch the vehicle and ground at the same time.
- 4 Shuffle or hop, don't step.** After you jump, shuffle or hop at least 10 metres away. Make sure the heel of one foot never passes the toe of the other. Don't touch anything (vehicle or passengers) until you're clear. Don't return to your vehicle until help arrives and professionals have confirmed to you that it is safe to do so.



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 Equipment Road Safety | Areas to Focus On

With spring seeding/planting time in full force, we want to remind members to plan and implement the safe movement of farm equipment along Alberta's highways.

As a farmer, you often travel long distances between fields, requiring travel on public roads throughout Alberta. Oversized and slow farm equipment, mixed with regular highway traffic, can result in collisions and other accidents. You can prevent farm equipment incidents on public roads by focusing on three main areas.

**Make your equipment safe and visible:** follow regulated requirements for lighting and signage including a clean, slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign as appropriate. Complete a safety check of any vehicles that will be travelling on public highways (hitch pins, tires, etc.)

**Follow safe driving tips:** travel at a speed that will ensure you can maintain vehicle control, observe road precautions, avoid busy roads / travel times if possible, always stop and make sure the way is clear, and ensure all drivers have a valid driver's license.

**Drive defensively:** stay alert for hazards and if traffic is lined up behind you move over to allow vehicles to get by you. Ensure the shoulder width is sufficient and solid enough to support your equipment.



## The following are examples of the most common causes of accidents.

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The most frequent type of single-vehicle collision is a farm tractor being driven too close to the shoulder and rolling into the ditch.

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The most common type of multiple-vehicle collision is a farm machine being hit as it is turning onto a public road from another roadway.

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There is a high number of rear-end collisions, usually occurring at intersections and caused by motorists underestimating the size and speed of farm equipment.

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A large number of collisions occur when farm equipment is making a left hand turn where operators fail to signal or the signal is not visible to other traffic.

For more information

Download the PDF – Safe Transportation of Farm Equipment in Alberta at [www.agriculture.alberta.ca/publications](http://www.agriculture.alberta.ca/publications)

## 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 May 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.09958 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For June 2024, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate for FENN REA members is \$0.10182. The RRO rate is also listed on [www.fennrea.com](http://www.fennrea.com).

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit [ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).