What's the best way to work around those power lines?

The best way to work around power lines is to keep your distance. Stay away from power lines!

Call Before You Dig

Options to protect against electrical contact are available. Entergy's engineering department can provide more information.

Call 1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749) for more details.

Call 811 to locate underground facilities at least 48 working hours before the work is to begin.

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Working Near Power Lines

Keep Your Distance
Working around a power line can result in serious injury or death. Assume all power lines are energized, not insulated and dangerous!

Downed Power Lines
Always assume low and downed power lines are energized, not insulated and dangerous.

Never attempt to move any power line. You can be seriously hurt or killed if the object you are holding or standing on contacts any power line. Stay away.
Call 911 and 1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749).

You must notify Entergy at least two working days before any work is to be done where it is possible that equipment, material or a person could come within 20 feet of our lines. It's the law. To contact Entergy, call 1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749).

Dan Dinkelacker, Lineman First Class

Keep your distance.
Keep your life.

Safety Advisory Card
Safety Advisory Card

To Be Completed by Entergy Employee
(Please print legibly)

Date and time of warning: ____________________________

Location of warning: ________________________________________________

Name of person warned: _________________________________________

Address of person warned: _________________________________________

Name of company performing the work: ________________________________

Address of company performing the work: ______________________________

Description of work being performed: _________________________________

Description of equipment being used: __________________________________

Was this card given only as a safety reminder?  
  Yes  No

Was a warning sticker displayed on the equipment?  
  Yes  No

Name of employee giving warning: _____________________________________

Phone number: ________________________________

Mail unit: ________________________________

Employee ID number: ________________________________

Please return this section to Claims Management at T-EP-15A

Suggested Safe Worksite Practices:

• Conduct a thorough worksite inspection for possible hazards before starting the work. Check in all directions. Objects and trees can hide power lines.

• Check for signs of buried utilities, such as pad-mounted transformers, pedestals or warning signs.

• Assume all power lines are energized, not insulated and dangerous!

• Call 811 to locate underground facilities at least two working days before the work is to begin.

• All workers must be trained in the safety laws mandated by federal, state and local governments.

• Conduct a daily, on-site tailgate safety session with all workers.

• Identify all overhead lines and facilities and all underground facilities and make sure all workers are aware of their location.

• Use proper equipment to accomplish the job safely.

• Maintain a minimum of 20 feet radial clearance from overhead electrical lines at all times.

• Use a trained, designated spotter.

• Use barricades.

• If tag lines are used, they must be non-conductive.

• Use insulating boom guards, proximity alarms or other safety devices.

• If excavating, hand dig to assure location of underground facilities.

Federal and state laws prohibit working within specified distances of power lines. Do not, under any circumstances, move a piece of equipment, material or a person within the restricted area of a power line unless the power line has been de-energized and grounded.

OSHA: Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, mandates specific clearance distances that must be maintained when working around or near power lines.

STATE LAWS: States have mandated specific clearance distances that must be maintained when working around or near power lines.

High Voltage Safety Acts

Arkansas Act 752, Title 11, Section 11-5-301, et seq.

Mississippi Chapter 15, Section 45-15-1, et seq.

Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 752

Louisiana – L.R.S. 45:141-146, Act 176 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session

If you witness a violation of these clearances, all workers should stay away from the equipment because it may be energized. Call Entergy at 1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749).