

## ***Suggestions for safety topics or themes:***

### **Safety for children:**

- Don't climb on trees near powerlines. Look up before you start to play.
- Fly kites, balloons, and model airplanes in wide-open spaces that are away from powerlines and never try to retrieve something that has gotten into a power line.
- Put safety caps in outlets to protect small children.
- Keep away from outdoor areas marked with signs that say danger or danger-high voltage.
- Respect utility electrical equipment—don't climb or play on the green enclosures you see outside.

### **Safety for the farm:**

- Be careful moving tractors and farm machinery—stay away from powerlines.
- Build bins and sheds away from powerlines.
- If you hit a wire, stay put and call your electric company.

### **Safety for the home:**

- When disconnecting appliances from electrical outlets, grab the plug and not the cord.
- Replace broken or frayed cords.
- Keep electrical cords and appliances away from heat sources and don't run them under carpets etc.
- Keep electrical cords and appliances away from water—use GFCI protected outlets when you're working near a sink or water source. Don't use radios or hair dryers near water or pools.
- Don't overload outlets, use extension cords on a temporary basis—not as permanent wiring, and never remove the ground pin on a three-prong plug.
- Never experiment with household electricity or put items in outlets, toasters, etc.
- Check the wattage on your light bulb and use the appropriate size for the fixture.
- Use the appropriate tools/equipment for the job—i.e. don't use a metal ladder around electricity and water that would conduct electricity etc.
- Space heater safety—keep away from flammable items, turn off and unplug when not in use.

### **Safety Outside:**

- If you are ever involved in an accident that involves the power line or a downed wire—stay put until help arrives.
- Call your electrical company to trim trees that are in powerlines and don't plant trees or shrubs near powerlines.
- Stay clear of overhead powerlines and wires.