

# SAFETY THEME

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., – A Service Organization of the ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA and the GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

The Safety Theme program is designed to help you get an important safety message across to all employees in a simple-to-use format that can be completed each month.

## Monthly Poster Theme

Make copies and post them wherever you will get the most impact.

## Training Calendar

### Law Enforcement Liability

Tifton, Tift County	Sept 23
Statesboro, Bulloch County	Sept 24
Macon, Bibb County	Sept 25
Cartersville, Bartow County	Sept 26

### Workers Compensation

Tifton, Tift County	Aug 14
Macon, Bibb County	Aug 27
Cartersville, Bartow County	Sept 4



### Safety Theme Article

The article expands on the poster message for the month. Make copies and hand them out to each meeting participant.

### In This Issue:

Participant Sign-In Sheets: Use the sign-in sheet to document your safety training.

#### Suggested Agenda for the Monthly Safety Meeting:

- >>> Assemble the participants.
- >>> Hand out copies of the article and pass around the sign-in sheet.
- >>> Read the Safety Theme aloud.
- >>> Discuss aspects of the theme relevant to the department, with examples. Ask for ideas and encourage participation.



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# **Watch for Power Lines**

# ***It May Save Your Life***

# Power Line Safety at Work and Home

Between 2011 and 2017, 36% of all electrically-related workplace fatalities were caused by overhead power lines. In the majority of these cases, fatalities occurred in occupations with little to no electrical safety training. So when you're on a job site, remember to always look up, always – it can save your life.

If a vehicle or object contacts a power line or utility pole:

- Consider all lines to be live and dangerous.
- Tell other not to approach vehicle, downed lines, or anything that may be in contact with downed lines.
- Warn others to stay at least 35 feet away.
- Stay in place or inside your vehicle unless you see fire or smoke.
- Call 911.
- Always use lock out tag out procedures when working on any equipment with electrical energy, or other hazardous energies such as mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, thermal, and other energy sources.

In the event of fire or smoke:

- Do not touch the ground and vehicle at the same time
- Jump from the vehicle with your feet together.
- Shuffle away and avoid lifting your feet.

## At Home Electrical Safety

Before starting any project, be alert of where the power

lines are located, and know where they are hanging or buried. Whether you're working on the roof, trimming trees, putting in a new mailbox, or painting your siding, it's your job to be aware and to alert others about nearby power lines, both above and underground.

- Locate all overhead power lines.
- Stay at least 10 feet away from all overhead power lines.
- Do not touch anything in contact with power lines.
- Carry ladders and equipment horizontally.
- Stay at least 35 feet away from downed power lines. Call 911 if you encounter one.
- Be aware of underground utilities. Know what's below – make a phone call to 811 before you dig. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even seemingly small projects like planting trees and shrubs.





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***This Issue:***

# ***Power Line Safety***

