



STOP. LOOK. LIVE.

Working Safely with Ladders
Near Power Lines.

Contacting overhead power lines is the leading cause of death involving electricity. Getting too close to an overhead line with a ladder when cleaning gutters, painting, performing roof repairs, putting up antennas or hanging holiday decorations can be a dangerous – or even deadly – mistake.



Remember these three words to help you stay safe:

STOP

Always be aware of your surroundings, especially when working outside.

LOOK

Know where the power lines are located and make sure any object you're holding won't get close to or touch an overhead line.

LIVE

Keep all ladders and other tools in the safe zone, **at least 10 feet** from any overhead power lines. Always make sure that, if the ladder falls, it would not contact any power lines or other electrical equipment.

For tips on staying safe around electricity, visit [firstenergycorp.com/publicsafety](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/publicsafety)

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