



# HURRICANE SAFETY

## DOWNED POWER LINES

A downed power line can energise structures it comes into contact with, such as a fence, railing, or even a car.

When lines from a utility pole fall to the ground, touch a fence, or land on a car, **please remember:**

### DO:

- **Stay away from downed power lines**
  - at least 20 feet or more (that's approximately two car lengths)
- **Always assume** downed power lines are energised and dangerous
- **Stay clear** of piles of debris or downed foliage that may conceal live power lines.

### DON'T:

- **Don't run from a fallen line.** Running from a fallen line may cause your legs to bridge current from higher to lower voltage and you may receive a shock. Instead, keep your legs together and shuffle away with both feet on the ground. Shuffle a safe distance (35 feet or more) away from other utility poles.
- **Don't try to rescue anyone** who has touched a downed power line because electrical current can travel through them to you and you risk becoming a victim yourself.

REPORT DOWNED POWER LINES  
IMMEDIATELY BY CALLING:

# 955

BELCO's incident line is available 24/7.