


UTILITY STORM SAFETY

-  **PLAN AHEAD** - Get necessary supplies
-  **CHARGE UP** - Fully charge devices
-  **STAY INFORMED** - Monitor forecasts
-  **REPORT ISSUES** - Call utilities about outages

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Summer Weather Can Be Wacky Stay Safe with These Storm Safety Tips

By Senator Lisa Boscola

SLATE BELT - The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) is issuing an urgent call for public vigilance around downed power lines and storm-related electrical hazards, following a series of tragic fatalities in recent weeks.

As we know, severe storms that swept across Pennsylvania in late April left more than 500,000 homes and businesses without power and caused widespread infrastructure damage — and sadly, three Pennsylvanians lost their lives during recent storm-related incidents that remain under active investigation by the PUC's Electric Safety Division.

When storms strike, downed wires can energize the ground up to 35 feet away — even farther in wet conditions.

Senator BoscolaThe PUC and national experts urge residents to follow these critical safety tips:

Always assume any downed wire is live. Stay at least 35 feet away and keep others back.

Never touch or move a downed line — not even with non-metal objects.

Do not drive over downed wires or through water or debris that may hide them.

If a wire falls on your car, stay inside. Call 911 and wait for emergency responders.

If fire forces you to exit a vehicle, jump clear with feet together and shuffle away without lifting your feet.

Call 9-1-1 if you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with the downed line, but do not touch the person.

Report all downed wires to your electric utility immediately and call 9-1-1 to report safety hazards.

For more information, please visit the PUC's Electric Safety page and contact your local utility company for safety support or questions about nearby infrastructure.

Heat Exhaustion

Heat Stroke

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

Dizziness

Thirst

Heavy Sweating

Nausea

Weakness



Confusion

Dizziness

Becomes Unconscious

ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.



Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!



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