

Downed Power Lines and Vehicle Safety - Quiz

What is the first thing you should do if your vehicle comes into contact with power lines?

- a. Stay inside the vehicle and call for help
- b. Run as far away as you can
- c. Get out to inspect the damage
- d. Cautiously exit the vehicle and call help

In crashes involving power lines, it is safe to exit the vehicle if the lines aren't visibly sparking or smoking.

- a. True
- b. False

The only situation in which you should consider leaving a vehicle that is in contact with downed power lines is:

- a. After you call for help
- b. When the airbags deploy
- c. If the vehicle catches on fire or begins to smoke
- d. When a bystander arrives to help you get out

While driving home one evening, Kodi swerves to avoid hitting an animal and crashes into a utility pole. Luckily she is not injured, but the car is severely damaged. Where should Kodi wait for help?

- a. On the side of the road
- b. At a nearby house
- c. In an open field across the street
- d. Inside the vehicle

If you happen to witness a crash involving power lines and a vehicle, you should do all but ONE of the following:

- a. Stay far away and call 911
- b. Consider the power lines to be energized and dangerous
- c. Tell the passengers to remain inside until help arrives
- d. Approach the vehicle to help

If you must exit the vehicle after an accident with power lines, what are the proper steps to take?

- a. Open your door, step out and move away with big steps to avoid touching power lines
- b. Exit through a door where there are no power lines visible
- c. Open the door, step out and then move away with very small steps
- d. Open the door, jump out with both feet together and without touching the car and ground at the same time and then move away from the vehicle, using either the shuffle or bunny hop technique

You can only get electrocuted by physically touching power lines.

- a. True
- b. False

Assuming the vehicle does not begin to smoke or catch fire, it is only safe to exit when _____ certifies that both the lines and surrounding area are de-energized.

- a. The power company
- b. A passing motorist
- c. Mom or dad
- d. A 911 operator

Why is it critical to shuffle or bunny hop away from the vehicle if you must exit?

- a. It's the quickest way out
- b. Keeping your feet together reduces the potential for electrocution
- c. It's easier to avoid downed lines when you aren't taking large steps
- d. It de-energizes the ground

You are driving one day and witness a crash in which the driver in front of you collides with a utility pole, bringing down power lines. You stop to help. What should you do?

- a. Attempt to clear the power lines with a stick
- b. Shuffle or bunny hop to the car to check on the occupants
- c. Stay far away, but call for help
- d. Run to the vehicle and help the passengers exit