



# OVERHEAD LINE SAFETY

## WHEN IN DOUBT, LOOK UP AND OUT!

### **FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO PREVENT THE MOST COMMON MISTAKES MADE NEAR POWER LINES.**

When working on an outdoor project, stay at least 10 feet away from overhead lines. If your ladder or piece of equipment touches an overhead line, both you and the equipment can become a path for the electricity. Look up and out in front of you before using a ladder, large machinery, or a pool cleaning net. Even non-metallic ladders and equipment can conduct electricity. If power lines are present, always carry ladders and long poles horizontally.

Using large tools or machinery can make it harder to avoid overhead power lines. Always consider where power lines are before you begin a project. Scanning the area should be part of your plan from the start.





# WHAT WOULD HALLOWEEN BE WITHOUT **ELECTRICITY?**

ELECTRICITY HAS PLAYED A BIG PART IN THE MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD HALLOWEEN ALLOWS US TO EXPLORE AS MONSTERS AND SUPERHEROES. **BUT DON'T TURN YOUR FRANKENSTEIN LABORATORY OR HAUNTED HOUSE INTO A TRUE-TO-LIFE HORROR STORY THROUGH ELECTRICAL FIRES OR HAZARDS.**

USE THE FOLLOWING TIPS FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN:

**Make sure your outdoor decorations only LOOK or SOUND spooky.** Inspect each mechanical ghoul, ghost or goblin for cracked, frayed or bare wires. You don't want them to really cause a shock or start a fire!

Want to convert your yard or open garage into a haunted house? Don't let it turn into a true-to-life horror story through electrical fires or hazards. **Only use electrical items marked "for outdoor use."** Plug those decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

