

What to do if a power line is on or near your car

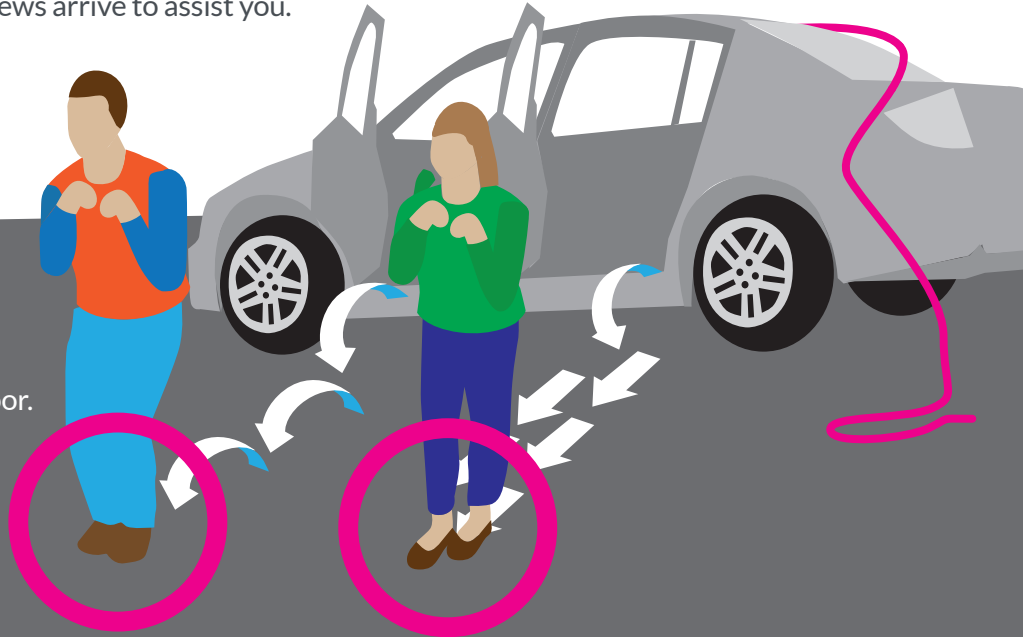
1 If you can drive in reverse away from the area, do so cautiously. Do not drive over downed power lines. Always assume that power lines are energized.

2 If you can't drive away, call 911. Let emergency responders know where you are and what has happened. The safest thing to do is stay in your car until emergency crews arrive to assist you.

3 Honk your horn to alert passers-by. Roll down the window and warn people not to touch the car or the line.

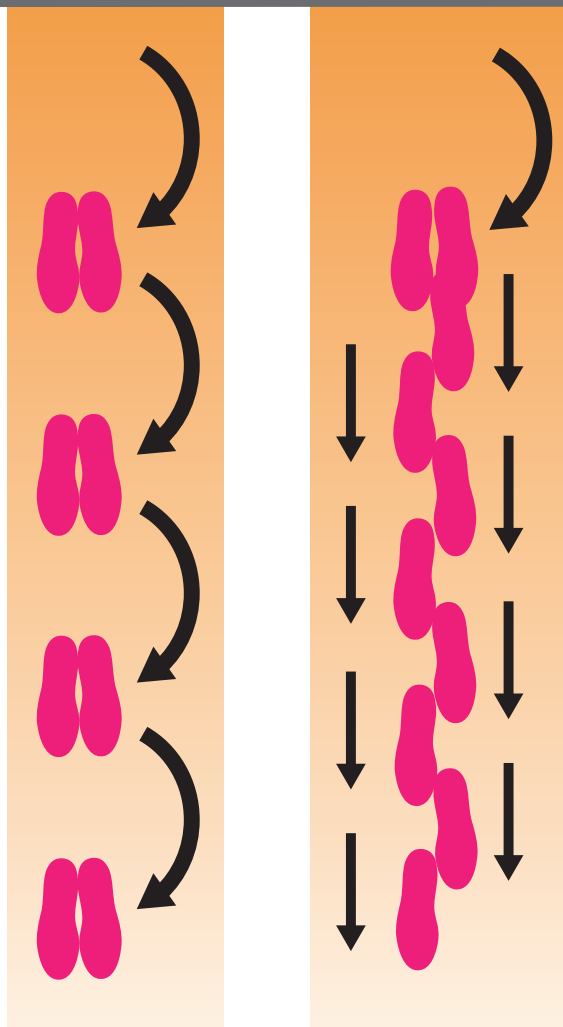
4 Open the vehicle door all the way. Ensure that you use the handle and that you do not touch any other part of the door.

5 Prepare to jump. Stand up with elbows tucked in to your stomach and hands held close to your chest.



6 Jump out of your vehicle. Do your best to land as far as possible from your vehicle, with your feet together, and without stumbling. You must **never** be in contact with both your vehicle and the ground at the same time.

7 Shuffle-walk or hop until you have reached a safe area at least 10 meters (33 feet) from the downed power line or electricity source. As you shuffle or hop, keep your feet touching one another at all times.



8 Different parts of the ground could be energized at different voltages. If your feet are each in different voltage areas, electricity could run from one area to the other through you. This is why it is important to shuffle or hop and always keep your feet together.

9 Once you are in a safe area at least 10 meters (33 feet) from the power source, wait for emergency crews.