

SAFETY CONNECTS US ALL



As members of a cooperative, we share the responsibility of keeping our homes, families, and neighborhoods safe this fall.

At SEI REMC, safety goes beyond being a priority, it is part of who we are as a cooperative. Every day, our line crews practice safety with great care as they work on high voltage equipment, maintain our electric system, and respond to outages. Their commitment to following strict safety practices ensures that they return home to their families each night. It also helps provide reliable power for the members we serve. Safety is built into our culture, and it is a value that connects us all.

This fall season, we encourage members to carry that same commitment to safety into their own homes and communities. Changing weather and routines bring new challenges, but a few mindful steps can make a lasting difference.

Keep your home safe and warm.

As cooler nights arrive, remember to use caution with heating equipment. Place space heaters on flat, stable surfaces and keep them clear from curtains, rugs, or furniture. If you use a fireplace or wood stove, schedule a chimney inspection to reduce fire risks and make sure your chimney is cleaned regularly to prevent buildup. Always test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are working properly, and replace batteries if needed. It is also a good idea to create a family safety plan that includes where to meet outside in case of a fire. Taking these simple steps can provide comfort, peace of mind, and a safe home environment for the season ahead.



Understand the impact of changing weather.

Fall often brings unpredictable storms, heavy winds, and the first frosts of the season. These conditions can damage power lines and equipment, leading to outages across our service territory. When severe weather strikes, our crews respond quickly and work around the clock to restore service. Their job is demanding and sometimes dangerous, but their commitment to safety and teamwork ensures that power is restored as safely and efficiently as possible. Members can help by preparing their homes for outages in advance. Keep flashlights and batteries on hand, charge devices when storms are forecast, and avoid using candles for light whenever possible. We also ask members to always stay clear of downed lines and report them immediately to SEI REMC so our crews can address the hazard safely. These shared efforts keep both our employees and our communities safe during challenging weather.

Travel with care.

Fall brings shorter days and busier rural roads during harvest. Drive with extra caution by slowing down when approaching farm equipment, using headlights earlier in the evening, and staying alert for children and pedestrians, especially during Halloween activities. Wet leaves and early frosts can make roads slick, so increase following distance and give yourself extra time to stop. If you are driving through rural areas, remember that farmers and field workers may be entering or exiting roads unexpectedly. Patience behind the wheel helps keep both drivers and our farming community safe. By staying attentive and cautious, we can all do our part to make fall travel safer for everyone.

Just as our crews work together to stay safe on the job, we can all take steps to protect one another at home and in our neighborhoods. Safety is more than an individual choice—it is a shared responsibility that unites us as a cooperative. By practicing safe habits, we strengthen the connections between members and help create a community that is both caring and secure.