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Fall Harvest Safety Tips

Every year, there are collisions where tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages. These dangerous accidents can be avoided by looking up and around your surroundings when operating large farm machinery. If you're preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical

- equipment when working in the field.
- If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact 9-1-1 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it), and hop away to safety.
- Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

Cardinal Plant Tour

Join us for an exciting Cardinal Power Plant tour on October 10, 2024! The trip runs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., departing from our office at 7 a.m. Enjoy a walking tour of the plant and lunch on us! Due to the walking nature of the tour, participants should be in good health and able to walk several flights of stairs. Space is limited—reserve your spot by September 27 by calling or emailing marcy@hwe.coop. Participants must be at least 12 years old.



