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## WORKING CLEARANCE

Maintaining the proper clearance from a high-voltage electric line is not just a good safety practice, it's the law\*. In Texas, any contractor, corporation or individual not affiliated with the utility must follow these guidelines:

- No person will perform any activity within six feet of overhead lines.
- No person will operate or use any tool, equipment, machinery or material where it is possible that these devices will come within six feet of overhead lines.
- No person will operate any equipment, such as derricks, cranes, power shovels, hayloaders, pile drivers, hoisting equipment or similar devices, within ten feet of overhead lines.

When work must be performed within these clearances, the organization or individual responsible must contact the utility and make arrangements to ensure safe clearances.

Violations of these provisions of the law can result in fines, confinement in jail or liability to the utility for damages and all liability incurred.

\*State of Texas civil Statute, Article 1436-C

