

# Utility Poles Are Not for Play

**M**arvin ought to know that only electrical workers should use utility poles. They are not playthings. Falling off a pole could really hurt. Just sliding down a pole could give you enough splinters to keep your mom busy with the tweezers all afternoon.

Nor should poles be used for posting lost-pet fliers, garage sale announcements, political messages or any other unofficial purposes.

Marvin was lucky that the only nails he came upon were on the bottom of his shoes. Real linemen are often injured by old, rusty nails and tacks that never should have been hammered into poles in the first place. The nails can rip their pants, their arms and legs, or their safety gloves. Even a teensy hole in a lineman's glove can be extremely dangerous for him—even life-threatening!

For your own safety, declare utility poles OFF LIMITS.

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