

WORKING NEAR POWER LINES?

STOP

AND READ THIS:

**ALABAMA LAW REQUIRES YOU
TO BE A MINIMUM OF TEN FEET AWAY
FROM OVERHEAD POWER LINES.**



ALABAMA CODE 37-8-52 & 53

The law requires precautions that must be taken by employers and all others before undertaking any action or object that will come within ten feet of an overhead power line. A violation of this law is a misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500 or imprisonment of up to twelve months or both.

EQUIPMENT

No person will use, operate, place, erect or move any tools, machinery, equipment, apparatus or material within ten feet of overhead conductors. A person shall not move any building or other structure within ten feet of a high voltage line (750 volts or more) except when a person has arranged effective safeguards against accidental contact with a conductor of electricity by either:

SAFEGUARDS

- Erecting mechanical barriers which will prevent physical contact with overhead conductors
- De-energizing or grounding the high voltage conductors
- Temporary or permanent relocation of high voltage conductors

WARNING SIGNS

Anyone who operates or employs someone to operate a crane, derrick, power shovel, drilling rig, pile driver, or like apparatus which is capable of vertical, lateral or swinging motion must place a warning sticker in view of the operator that states it is unlawful to operate this equipment within ten feet of overhead high voltage lines. Failure to place a warning sign is a misdemeanor punishable up to \$500 fine and imprisonment of no more than twelve months. Each day's failure to post a sign constitutes a separate offense.

The purpose of this law is for the preservation and safety of public health to prevent injury and death and damage to property.



**ALWAYS
BE AWARE
OF YOUR
SURROUNDINGS**

**ALWAYS
KNOW THE
RULES**



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This pamphlet is not offered as legal advice, but as an overview of a recent change in state law. For additional information, see Alabama Code Sec. 37-8-52 & 53.