

## **ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS**

- Never climb utility poles, transmission towers or fences around substations.
- Never touch electrical outlets with your fingers or with objects.
- Never play with electrical cords, wires or switches and keep them away from heat and water.
- If you are in contact with water never touch anything electrical like a light switch or hairdryer.
- Don't place cords where people may trip on them and don't place them under furniture. The cords could fray or kink.
- Don't pull on cords to unplug them.
- Never play around electrical wires or equipment.
- Stay away from areas marked DANGER: HIGH VOLTAGE.
- If climbing trees, stay away from those near power lines.
- Never throw objects at wires or utility poles.
- Keep away from electrical utility boxes (large green boxes). They contain high-voltage equipment that can cause electrocution if tampered with.
- Stay out of open areas and away from trees during an electrical storm. Go indoors.
- Stay in the car during a storm because the rubber tires stop electricity from passing through it, if the car is struck by lightning or a fallen cable.
- Turn off lamps when changing light bulbs.
- Do not put your fingers in a light bulb socket.
- Keep combustible materials away from lamps or heating devices.
- Disconnect appliances before cleaning.
- Tell someone if you see a frayed electrical cord.
- Call the fire department in case of an electrical fire. If safe to do so, unplug the appliance and use a fire extinguisher or baking soda to douse the flames. Never use water!
- Call 911 if you see a person who has been or is being electrocuted - they may be unable to release an electrical wire or appliance - do not attempt to touch them as they may be carrying the flow of electricity.
- Don't swim during an electrical storm.
- Don't hide under trees during an electrical storm
- Don't plug in electrical appliances in the bathroom unless specific safety receptacles have been installed.

## **BASIC RULES OF KITE FLYING**

1. Keep kites away from the power lines.
2. Never use wire or metal on kites.
3. If your kite gets caught on power lines, leave it alone and call utility company.
4. Don't fly metallic balloons outside. If they touch power lines, power outages could result.