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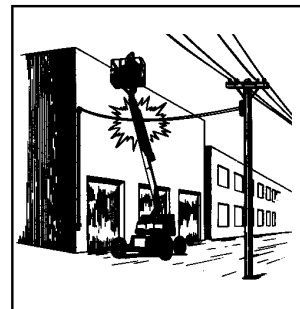
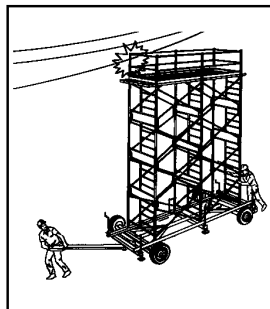
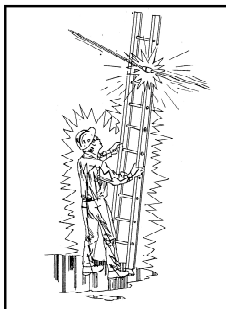
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Overhead powerlines

- **Identify** all overhead powerlines before starting work (see Section 187 of the Construction Regulation).
- **Organize** your work so that you don't store equipment or material under powerlines.
- When using backhoes, cranes, and similar equipment near powerlines, you must have a **signaller** when any part of the equipment (such as a boom) or its load could approach the minimum allowable distance.

Voltage rating of powerline	Minimum distance
750 to 150,000 volts	3 metres (10 feet)
150,001 to 250,000 volts	4.5 metres (15 feet)
Over 250,000 volts	6 metres (20 feet)

- A **competent** signaller must wear appropriate protective equipment including a **traffic vest**.
- Always check for overhead wires **before** moving ladders, rolling scaffolds, or elevating work platforms. Workers in Ontario have been injured and killed from electrical contact with access equipment.



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