

Operating Guidelines

Section: Personnel Safety

Subject: Downed Hydro Lines

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Guidelines

205.1

Emergency vehicle shall stop a minimum of 35 meters (approximately the distance between any two poles) back from any downed power lines. When downed power lines have been confirmed, dispatch shall be asked to notify hydro to respond.

All downed lines shall be considered to be live. Locate both wire ends and secure the area.

205.2

If water has to be used, a fog setting shall be used with a pressure of 100 P.S.I. (700 K.P.A.) at the nozzle.

205.3

Do not attempt to move fallen wires or remove tree branches etc. from wires. **Wait for hydro.**

205.4

Hydro power lines are to be handled by trained personnel only. For further information, please refer to the "Electrical Safety Handbook for Firefighting Personnel".

205.5

Hydro One personnel shall be the only individuals who confirm that a downed hydro line has been de-energized.

205.6

All Firefighters working around live downed power lines shall maintain a minimum safe working distance of 35 meters.