

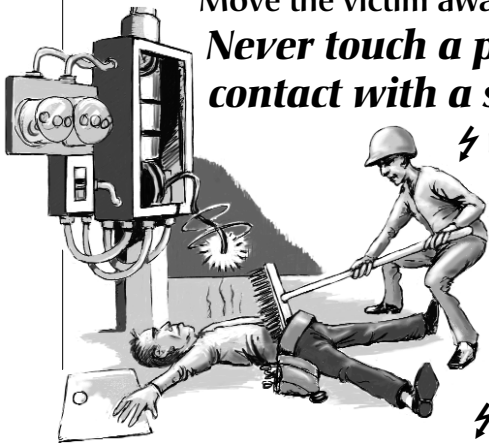
# Responding to an Electrical Emergency

**Prompt  
action  
can save  
lives.**

## Electrical Injuries

Move the victim away from power safely...

**Never touch a person who is in contact with a source of electricity.**



⚡ If possible, turn off the power before touching the victim.

⚡ If you can't turn the power off, use a nonconducting tool, such as a rope or wooden stick, to move the person.

⚡ Make sure you don't complete

a circuit between two wires or between one wire and the ground while moving a victim.

⚡ If the victim is touching a power line, stay clear and call for help.

**After the victim is away from the power source...**

⚡ Check breathing and pulse. Give rescue breathing or CPR if necessary and if you've been trained. Otherwise, get immediate medical help.

⚡ Continue rescue breathing or CPR until medical help arrives.

⚡ Treat minor burns at the point of contact with cool water, then cover with a clean, dry cloth.

⚡ Cover serious burns with a sterile dry cloth and get immediate medical attention.

⚡ Never use ointment, ice or butter on a burn.

⚡ Never try to remove clothing from burned skin.

⚡ Treat victim for shock by keeping him or her lying down with feet elevated until help arrives.

## Electrical Fires

⚡ Use a class C fire extinguisher on small electrical fires.



**Never use water on an electrical fire**

⚡ If the fire is large or growing rapidly, follow your company's plan for evacuation.

## Preparing for Emergencies

⚡ Know your worksite's emergency exits and escape routes.

⚡ Know the location of the right type of fire extinguishers and posted emergency phone numbers.

⚡ Take a course in CPR—you could save a life.

**SAFETY HAZARDS**