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## Mission Statement

The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.

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## Electrical Safety Inside and Outside of the Home

Dear Member,

Used with care, electricity is safe and improves our quality of life. But it can cause death or injury if used improperly. Remember that electricity always seeks a path to the ground. If you become part of that path to ground, you are in danger of electrocution, serious injury and/or death. Douglas Electric Cooperative offers these tips to keep you safe inside and outside your home:

**In Your Home** - Using common sense can keep you safe from accidental shock or electrocution

- Never mix water and electricity. That means do not allow a hair dryer, radio or other electronic device to be used around water – especially the bathtub.
- Replace cut, punctured or worn electric cords. Never run a cord under a rug or through a wet area.
- Use three-pronged plugs. The third prong grounds the circuit and prevents shocks.

**Outside of Your Home** - Most outdoor electrical accidents result from contact with overhead electric conductors. Here are some tips:

- One more time: Look up. You don't actually have to touch a wire to get shocked by an overhead line. Electricity can jump to a good conductor, such as a metal ladder, if it gets too close to an energized wire.
- Always keep yourself and metal objects at least 10 feet away from power lines.
- If you plan to dig more than 12 inches underground, call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 800-332-2344. This free service, funded by DEC and other utilities, locates underground utilities prior to your digging.

I hope you're having a safe summer!

Best Regards,

Dave Sabala  
General Manager