

MEDIA UTILITY SAFETY GUIDELINES



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- Call 911 immediately •
- Stay put until rescue workers say it's safe •
- Warn others to stay away •

For Media Inquiries:

- Call KUB's media line at between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. After hours and weekend calls limited to emergencies **only**



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Arranging Interviews and Visits to Work Zones

Call KUB's media line Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., for information, to arrange to shoot footage, or to set up an interview. **Please note: This line is for media use only – do not release to the public.** This line is answered 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, but please limit calls after regular business hours to emergency information requests **only**.

Parking

- » Locate all overhead lines, poles, and guy wires before parking and setting up your equipment/antennas.
- » Mark off a minimum of 25 feet as a safety zone and provide a visual barrier.
- » Ensure all parts of equipment/antennas are outside the 25-foot safety zone. Remember: electricity can arc to nearby equipment/antennas even without contact.
 - Place safety cones around vehicles parked near roadways and heavy machinery to increase visibility and provide space.
 - Park in a location that does not interfere with or block access to utility or emergency response equipment and vehicles.
 - Position your vehicle to face away from the site for a quick evacuation if necessary.
 - Do not park in any areas where the smell of natural gas is present.

Accessing the Work Zone

- » Do not attempt to enter a utility work zone without a KUB escort. You can endanger crews by distracting them, and they need to know where you are to help ensure your safety.
- » Remain at least 25 feet away from utility crews unless otherwise advised by KUB personnel.
 - Wait for a KUB media representative to tell you it is safe to use electronic devices (e.g., cameras or cell phones). If there is a potential natural gas leak, electronic devices are potential ignition sources.
- » Be aware of potential site hazards such as vehicular traffic, uneven terrain, wet or icy conditions, heavy equipment, sanitary sewer overflow, and excavation.
- » Remember: Excavation or water main breaks may cause unstable ground that could be susceptible to a cave-in. Also, if you can't see the equipment operator, then the operator can't see you.

Working Safely Around Power Lines

- » Always assume lines and equipment are energized—even if they don't spark or hum. Contact with electric lines may cause serious injury or death.
- » If your equipment contacts an electric line:
 - Call 911 immediately.
 - If you are in a vehicle, stay put until rescue workers say it's safe.
 - If you are outside a vehicle, stand still unless you are in an unsafe location.
 - If you must move, shuffle to keep both feet in full contact with the ground.
 - Warn others to stay away.
- » If a person contacts an electric line:
 - Call 911 immediately.
 - Do not touch the person, their tools, or their equipment.
 - Stay away and warn others to stay away.
- » If you see a downed electric line:
 - Stay away and warn others to stay away.
 - Call KUB immediately at (865) 524-2911.