

# Stay safe Around Electricity



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# Safety First

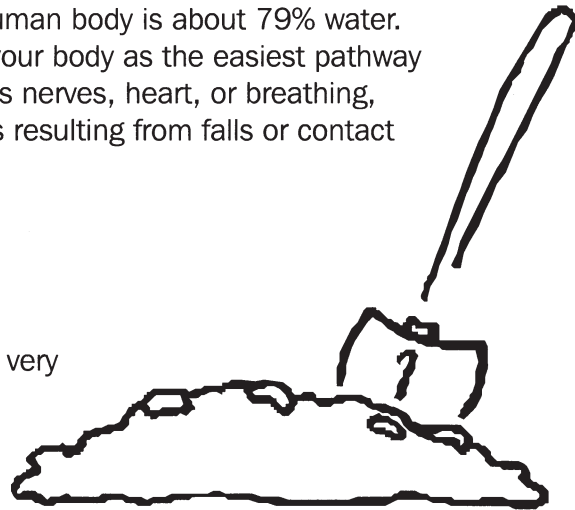
As a utility, safety is a primary concern for all of us... you, your family and neighbors, and our conscientious employees.

## The Nature of Electricity

Electricity travels through conductors seeking the easiest path to ground (the common term for completing an electrical circuit). Good conductors are water, metal (like copper wire), and people. Why people?...because the human body is about 79% water. That's why electricity, given the chance, will use your body as the easiest pathway to ground. Electric shock can overload your body's nerves, heart, or breathing, as well as cause severe burns. Secondary injuries resulting from falls or contact with machinery can also be serious.

## Call Before You Dig

Severing power, phone, cable or gas lines can be very dangerous and costly. If you plan to dig, call for a locate before you start digging. One call notifies all utilities — 1-800-332-2344.



## Never Go Near a Power Line on the Ground

Remember that coming into contact with a power line can kill you. Walking near one that is energized and laying on the ground can be very dangerous, even when there may be no signs of electricity present. Electricity can jump as much as three feet, so stay well away from the line and keep others away as well. If the downed line has started a fire, never try to put it out with water — the water stream can create a path for the electricity to travel to you.

If a power line falls on your car, stay inside unless the car catches fire. Then jump clear without touching the car and the ground at the same time.

If someone is touching a fallen power line, stay away and call for emergency help. Don't try to rescue the victim. Efforts to pull a shock victim away could make you a victim. Always stay clear of the situation.

Metal fences can become electrified when a live wire falls on them. Don't touch them! Don't guess! Assume all downed wires are live. Stay away.

**⚠ DANGER**



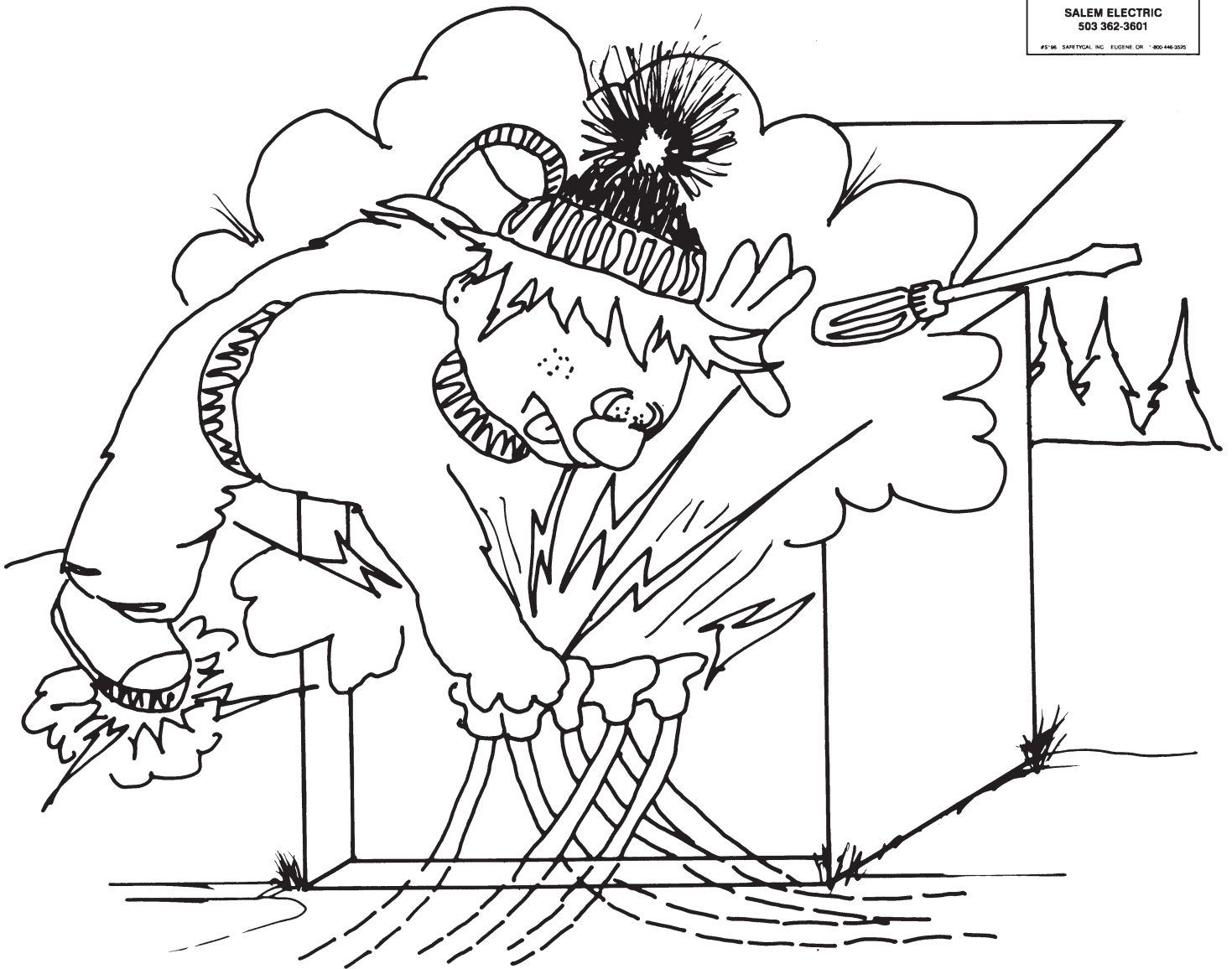
**Hazardous Voltage**  
Will shock, burn,  
or cause death.

**Keep out.**  
If open or unlocked,  
Immediately call

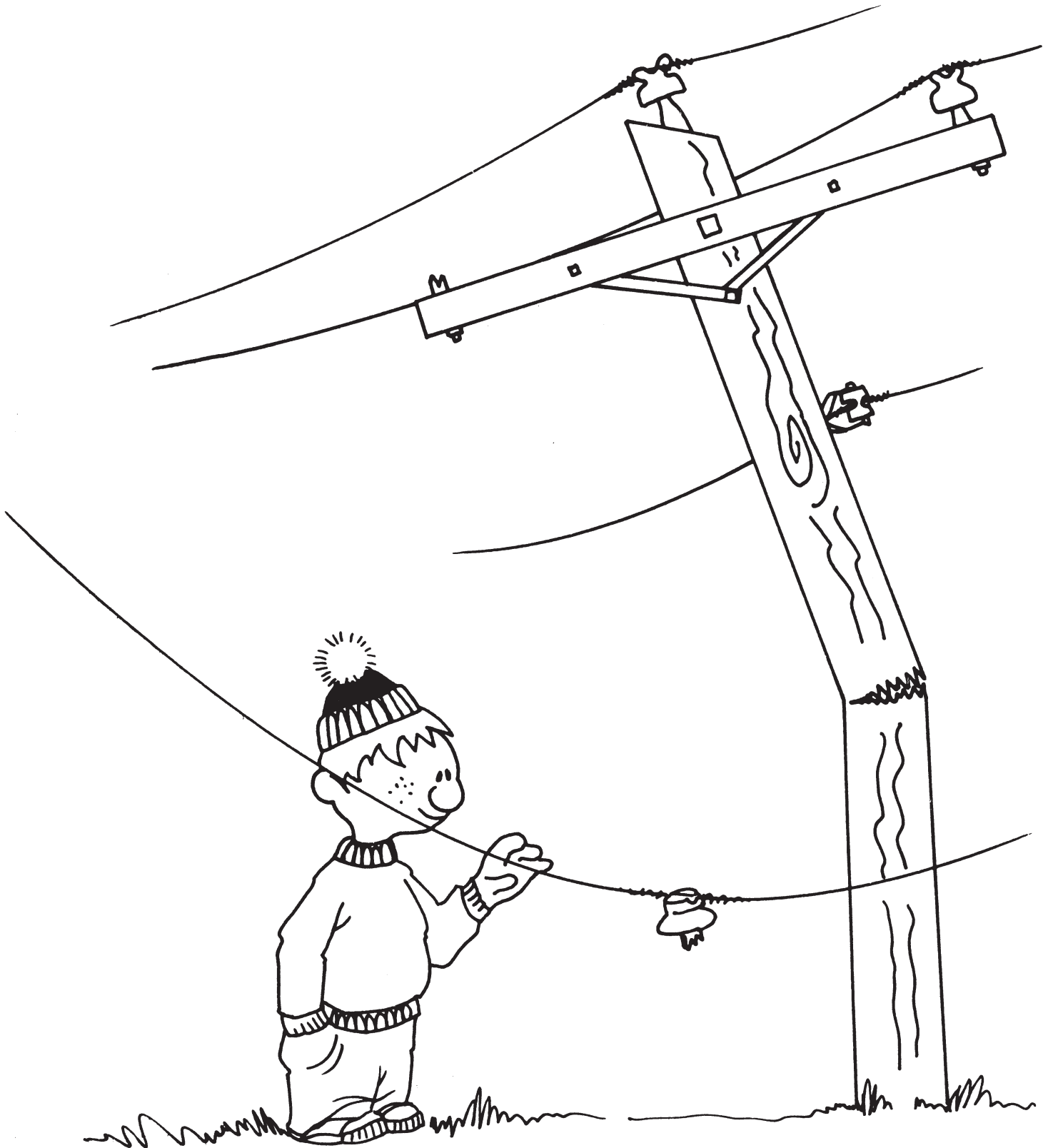
**SALEM ELECTRIC**  
503 362-3601

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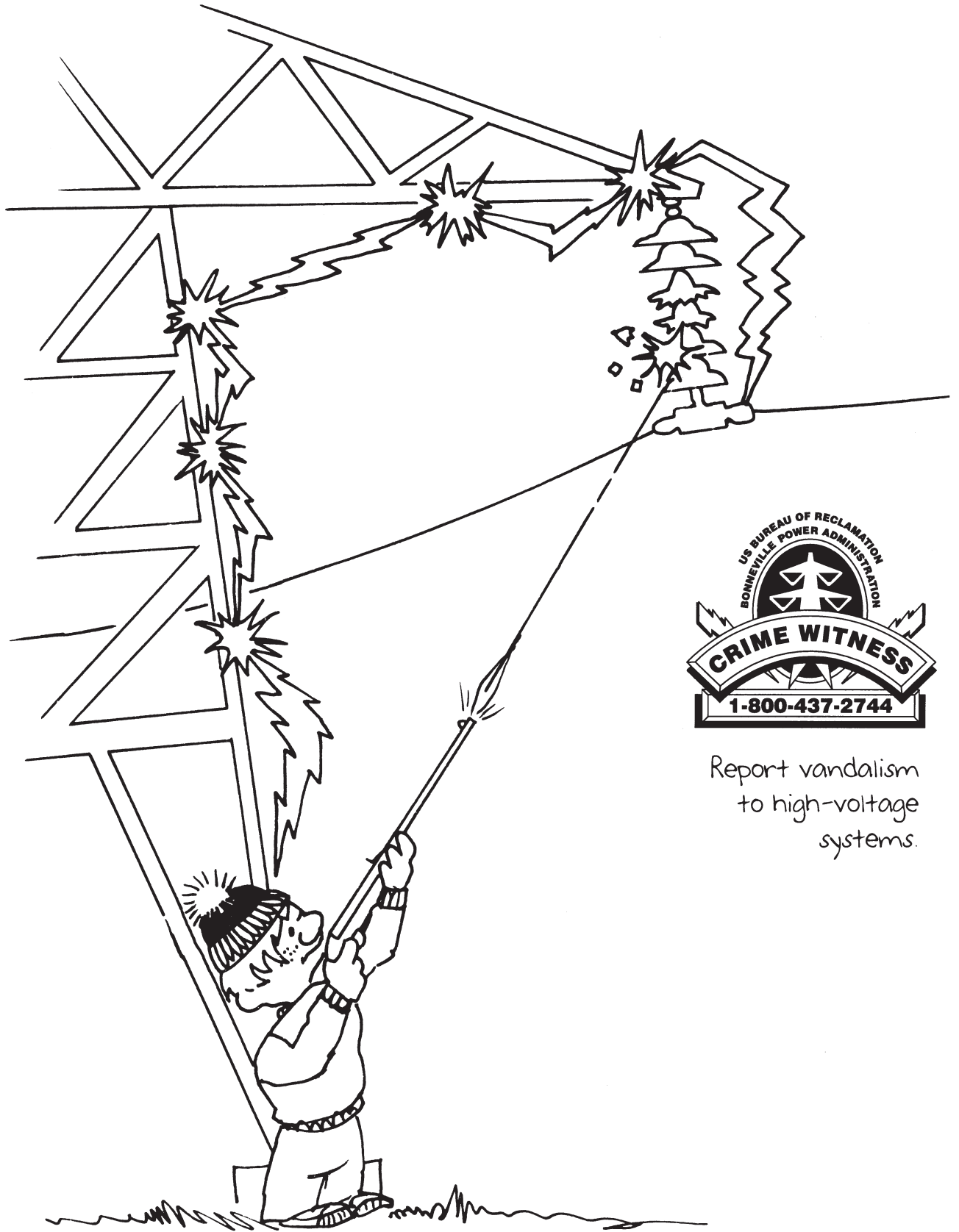
Pay attention  
to these  
stickers



Stay away from transformers,  
They're not something to play on.



Never touch a wire! You never know if it's energized. It could hurt or kill you!



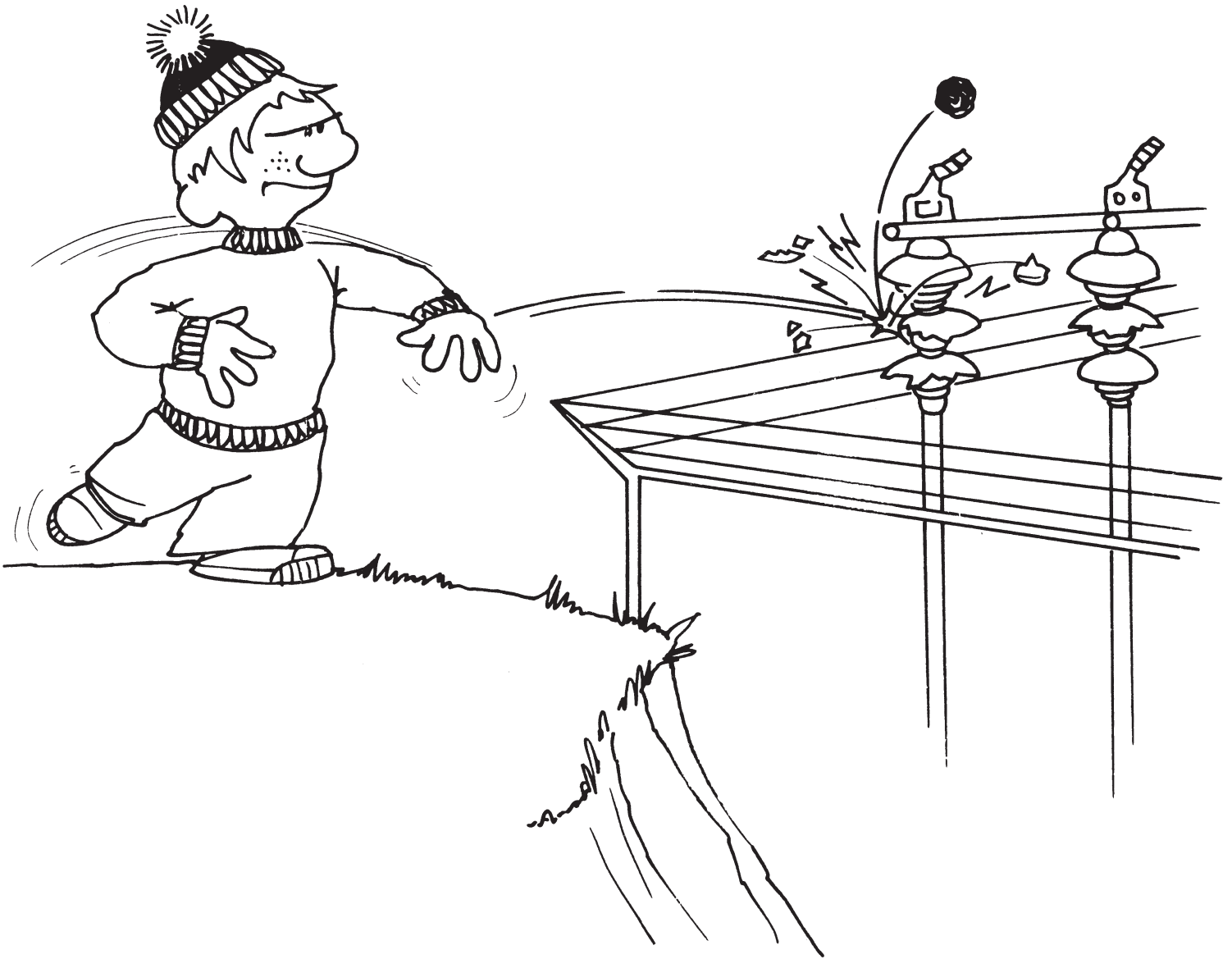
Report vandalism  
to high-voltage  
systems.

Don't shoot at insulators, it can cause power outages, which are very costly and dangerous.

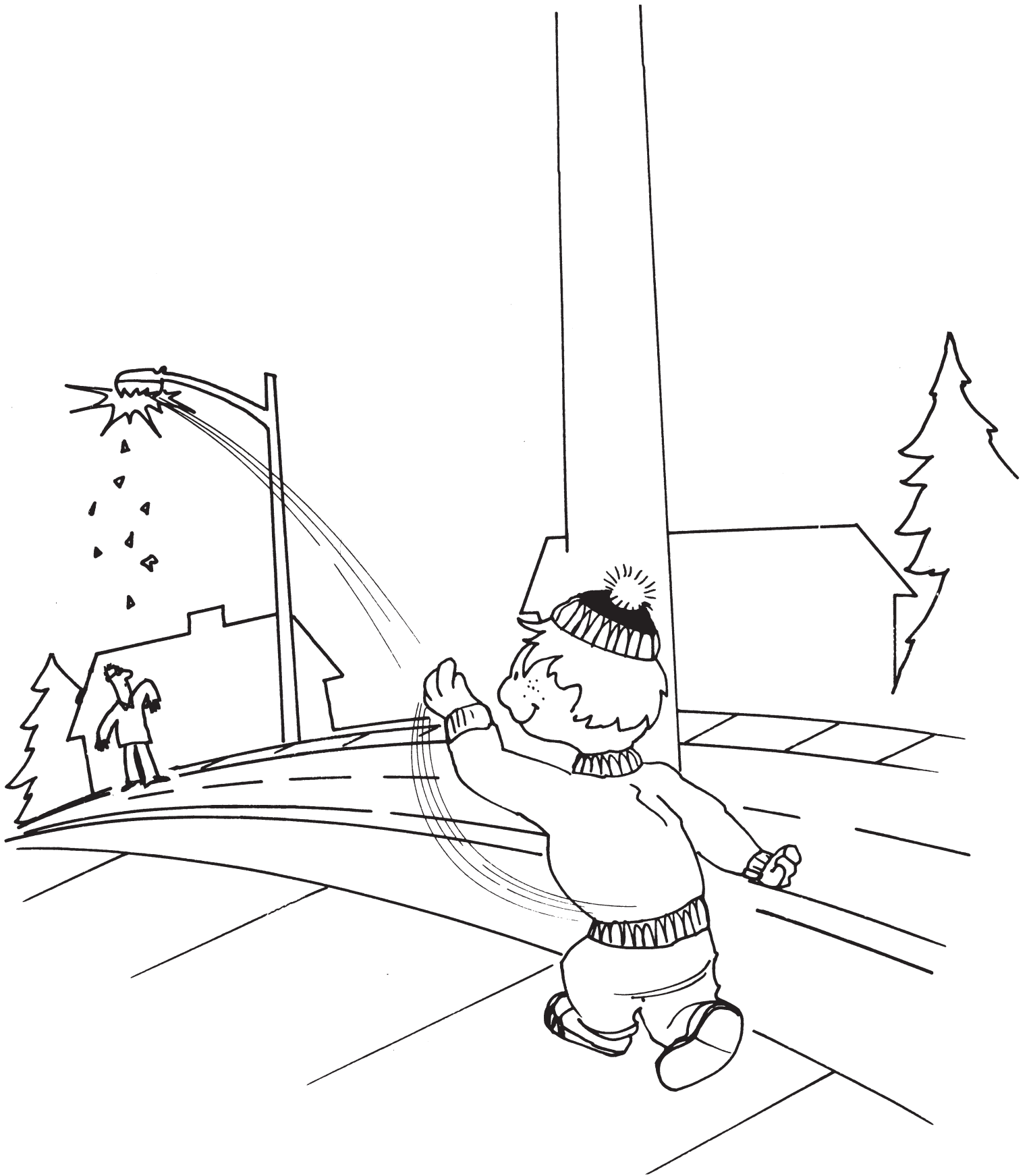


Never fly kites near power lines! The electricity can follow the string and injure or kill you.

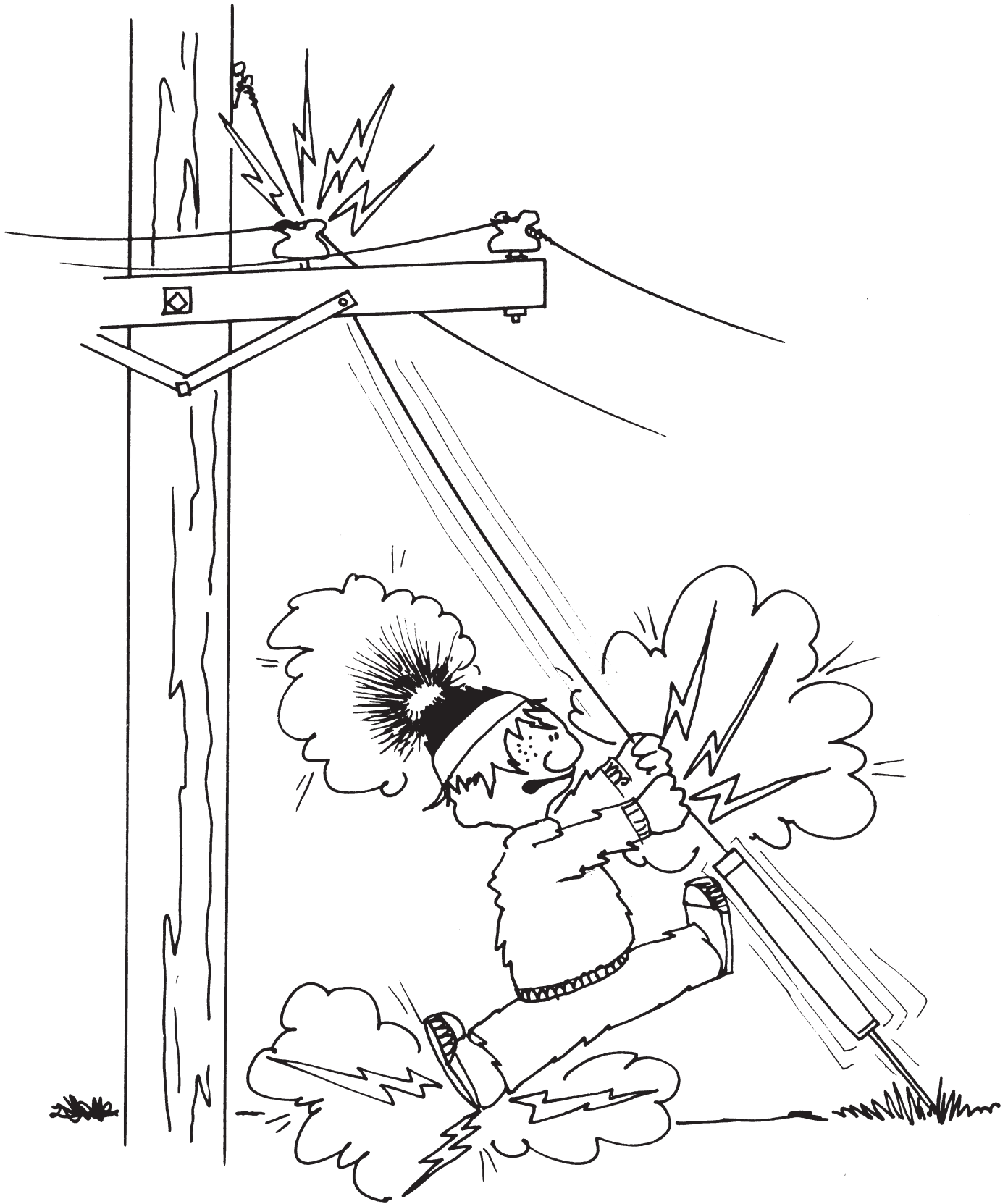
Contact Salem  
Electric to report  
any vandalism at  
503 362-3601



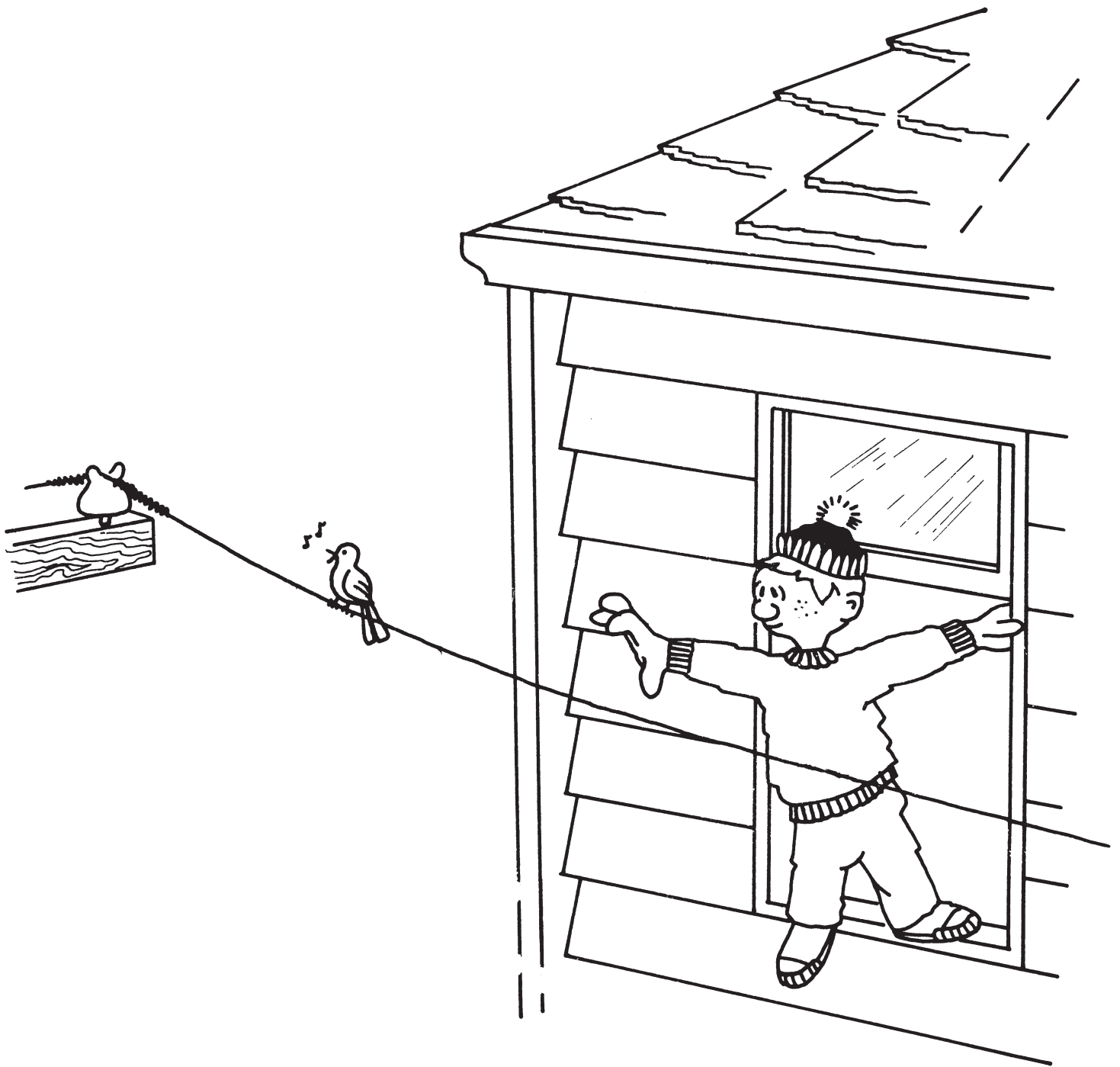
Never throw things into electrical equipment  
it may cause explosions which lead to  
power outages and costly repairs.



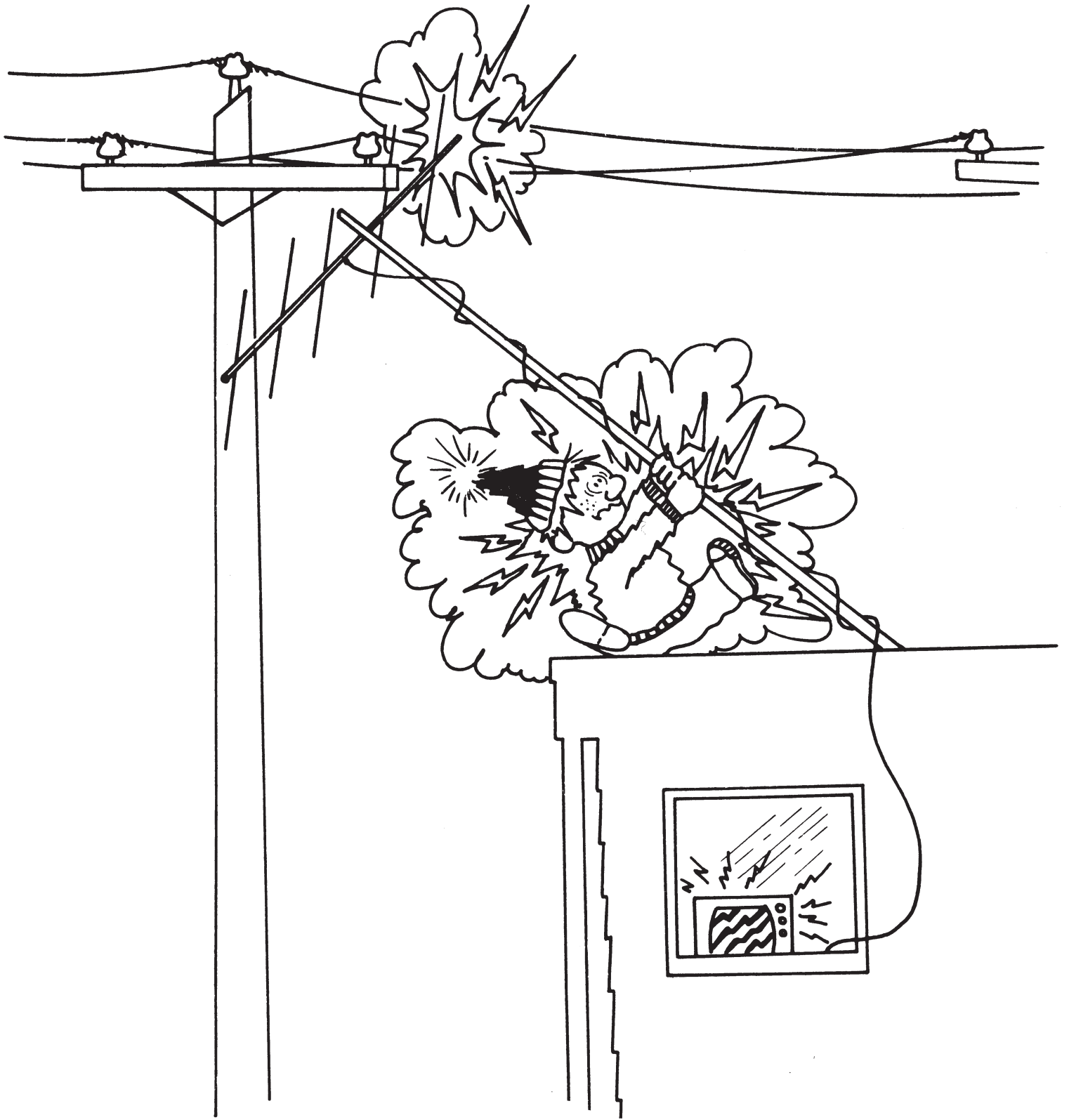
Don't throw things at street lights...  
You might cause an accident.



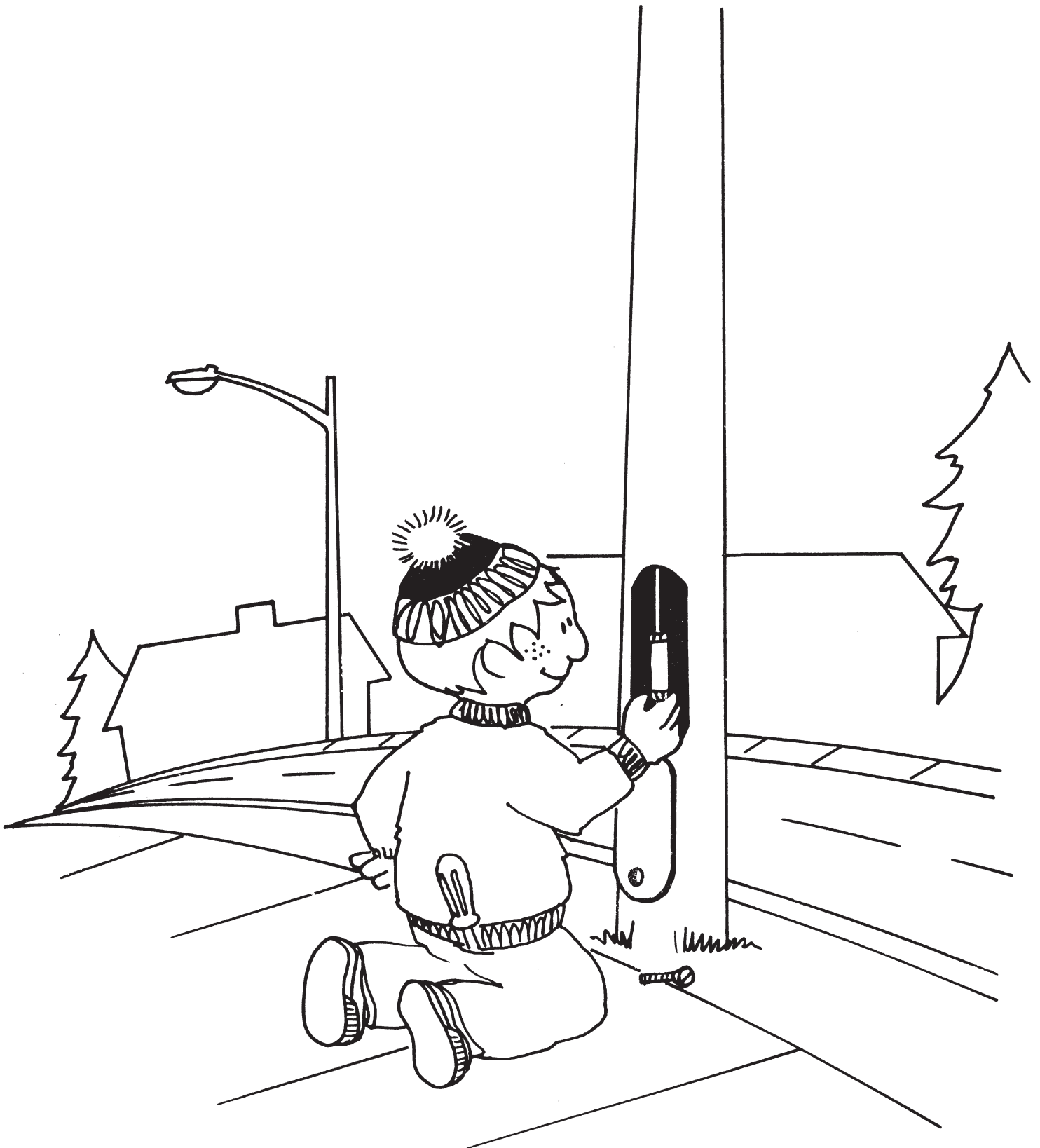
Never shake a guy wire, it could give you a shock!



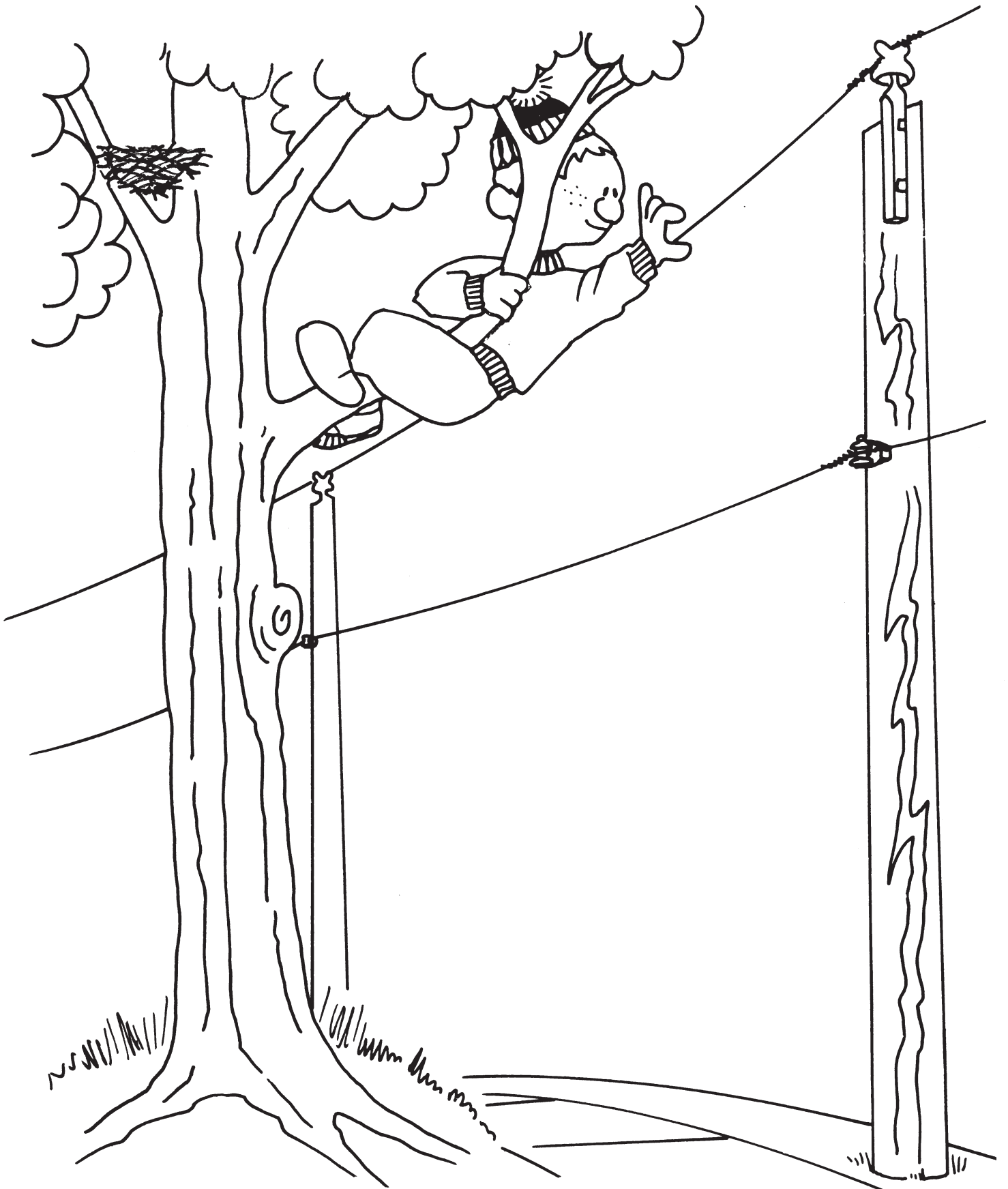
Stay away from wires, they are safe for birds,  
but not for people!



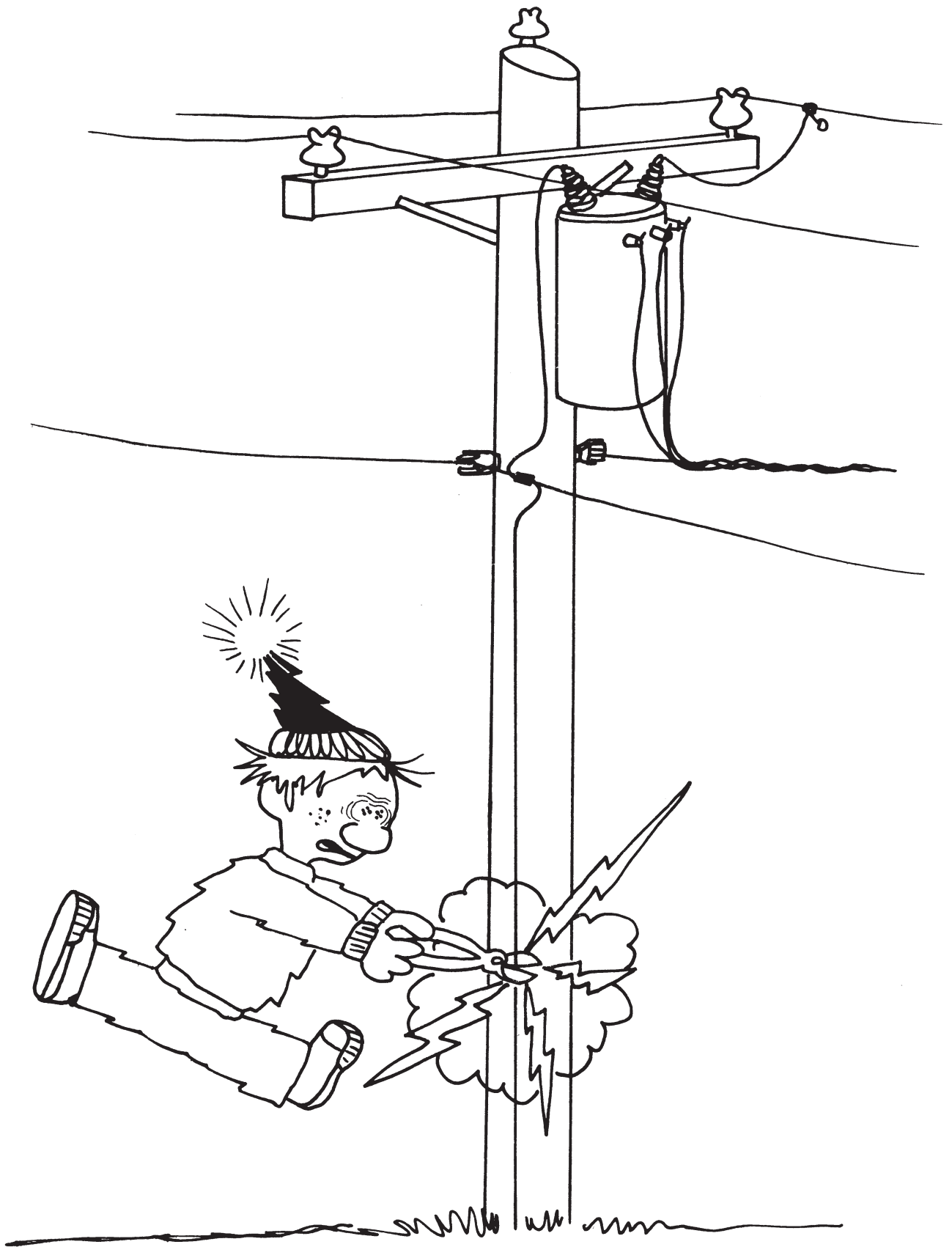
Never put up an antenna near power lines...  
it could cause injuries and fires!



Never play with electrical equipment or wires...  
you could be hurt badly!



Don't climb trees near power lines, it can cause serious burns, a bad fall, or even death!



Never cut pole ground wires, it's dangerous and you could be badly injured or killed!

# Programs for your parents to know about.

Please take a minute to review these programs to save energy and money. If you would like any additional information, please contact our office at 503-362-3601 or [se@salemelectric.com](mailto:se@salemelectric.com).



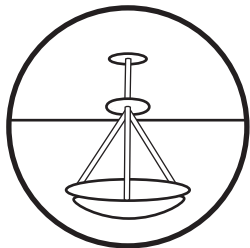
## Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

*These bulbs with a twist use less energy and save money.*



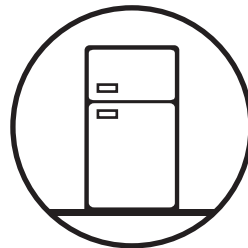
## Heat Pump Program

*Get money back or a loan for installing high-efficiency heat pumps, saving energy and money.*



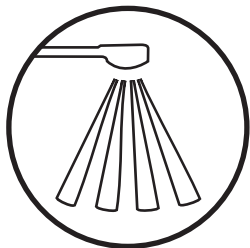
## ENERGY STAR Home Lighting

*Get money back for new light fixtures that use less energy and save money.*



## Appliance Program

*Get money back for qualifying energy-efficient appliances that save energy and money.*



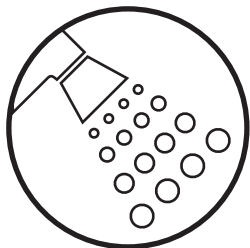
## Security Lighting

*Rent a street light or area light to make your home safer.*



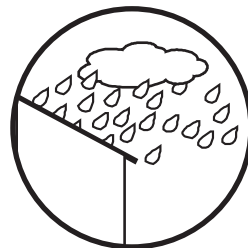
## Bright Way Solar\*

*Get money back for a qualifying water heater that uses the sun's energy.*



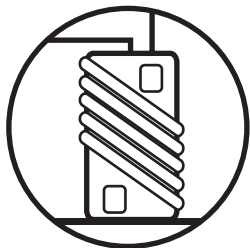
## High-Performance Shower Heads\*

*Free! Shower heads that save water, energy, and money.*



## WeatherWise

*Get money back for weatherizing your electrically heated home, saving energy and money.*



## Water Heater Wraps\*

*Free! Blankets for your water heater that save energy and money.*



## Habitat Improvement Program

*Help improve local native fish and wildlife habitats with donations.*

\*Must have an electric water heater.

**As a member you can participate in any of these programs if you meet eligibility requirements.**




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