

# MTEMC reminds members: Never attach signs, objects to utility poles

Although seemingly innocent enough, putting signs or other items on utility poles creates serious safety hazards.

“Staples, nails and tacks used to hang signs pose dangers to Middle Tennessee Electric lineworkers,” MTEMC Senior Safety and Training Coordinator Donny Parker said. “Whether restoring power after a storm or performing maintenance, this can make climbing hazardous.”

Posters or other objects (birdhouses, flags, lights, basketball hoops and even satellite dishes) can create dangerous obstacles. Also, the nails, tacks and bolts left behind from signs and other objects can snag clothing, making lineworkers vulnerable to slipping or even electrocution.

In addition to being hazardous, tampering with utility poles can be costly. Attaching objects to utility poles is also against the law.



“Middle Tennessee Electric encourages members to contact local zoning officers to inquire about where signage can be posted legally,” Parker said.

Middle Tennessee Electric personnel will assist members with the removal of objects if needed to ensure public and employee safety.