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## Universal response tactics for electricity



*In a fire involving electrical facilities, confirm your dispatcher has notified National Grid. Work with National Grid's on-scene representative in a unified command structure and follow these steps:*

- 1. Approach cautiously** and be alert for downed power lines. Evaluate the scene from a safe distance.
- 2. Identify and mark** all electrical hazards.
- 3. Consider all wires and equipment** to be energized and dangerous.
- 4. Stay at least 10 feet away** from all overhead power lines. If a crane is being used, stay at least 20 feet away until National Grid determines the voltage.
- 5. Evacuate** the public a safe distance.
- 6. Be alert** for explosion and toxic smoke hazards.
- 7. Use full PPE and SCBA.**
- 8. Keep ladders and aerial equipment away** from power lines. Use a spotter.
- 9.** When water must be used to protect exposures, **stay at least 30 feet away** from energized objects. **Use a 30° fog pattern at 100 psi** – NEVER a straight stream.
- 10. Confirm service interruption and restoration with National Grid.**