

HUNTING SEASON SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

FOR NU TRANSMISSION EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

OVERVIEW

Hunting regulations and schedules vary from state to state in the Northeast Utilities service area (Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire). Generally, the majority of hunting activities occur September through February each year. The following requirements and recommendations are intended to keep NU Transmission employees and contractor personnel safe while performing work on utility rights-of-way or other off-road locations during hunting season. These precautions are necessary in order to reduce the chances of any employee or contractor personnel being mistaken for game and being injured.



RECOMMENDATION FOR NU Transmission Employees

- > While the establishment of a formal requirement is under consideration by NU Health and Safety, it is highly recommended that NU Transmission employees wear fluorescent orange clothing in the same manner and duration as outlined at right for contractor personnel.
- > Visibility precautions should be discussed during the hazard assessment and safety briefing process.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

- > Contractors are required to wear fluorescent orange clothing while operating all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), performing foot patrol inspections and/or sampling activities on NU rights-of-way or other off-road locations between September 1 and the last day of February. This can be accomplished by wearing an orange cap or hat, traffic vest, sweatshirt, jacket, etc.
- > Contractor line crews must address visibility precautions during the hazard assessment and safety briefing process.

Effectiveness

The effectiveness of fluorescent orange safety clothing has been proven. The wearing of orange by NU Transmission employees and contractors on rights-of-way and other stretches of open land during the peak hunting months will help make them more visible and reduce the chances of a serious accident.

For More Information

NU Transmission is committed to safe work activities, especially during hunting season. For more information, please call:

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