

Storm Safety Message – January 31, 2022

Winter Storm Driving Reminders

- Conduct circle safety checks before moving from a parked position.
- Be aware of black ice – shaded spots, bridges, overpasses, and intersections are areas where ice is likely to form first.
- Brake safely – avoid braking so hard that you lock the wheels and stop them from turning.
- Reduce your speed – give yourself plenty of space between you and other vehicles.
- Always plan an escape route and allow more time and distance for stops.

Pole Banner Requirements

- Application and removal of the pole banners and tags are the responsibility of each qualified crew. Only Eversource-approved pole banners and tags are used.
- Pole banners should be applied on the pole where the open device is located.
- Pole banners do not need to be applied from a bucket.
- A banner information tag must be completed and inserted into the pocket of the traditional pole banner or written directly on the banner when using the disposable banners.
- Multiple banners are allowed; however, an additional banner cannot be installed without first contacting the person who installed the original banner. Refer to the information tag or the banner for the contact name.
- If the contact person cannot be reached, call the supervisor listed on the tag or the banner. If neither the contact nor supervisor can be reached, contact the appropriate governing switching authority to remove the banner, for example the SOC or the local district if switching is decentralized.
- Qualified crews install the pole banners and information tags and they remain in place until the work is complete (for the day), all grounds have been removed, and all workers and equipment are in the clear.
- If a pole banner is applied at a work site, contact the person on the tag before starting any work.



⚡ ⚡ **Warning!** NEVER ENERGIZE A LINE WHEN A POLE BANNER IS STILL APPLIED AT AN ENERGY ISOLATION DEVICE!

Use Ground Flags

A ground flag provides an observer, whether it be the crew on-site working the line or a crew in the area, an indication that grounds are installed. Ground flags provide a better visual and stand out to an observer more than just the grounds themselves. This is a good practice to remind the crew to remove grounds prior to releasing clearance and re-energizing the lines.



The Job is Not Done Until We All Go Home Safely!

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