

Stay Clear!

A downed power line may not be a dead line. It could cause serious injury or death.

Recently in California, three members of a family were electrocuted. The son was killed trying to pull his father out of a live electric line and the mother was then killed trying to pull the son out of the same line. If someone is injured by contact with a power line, call 911 and keep others away until help arrives. Do not touch the person. If a power line falls across or near your vehicle while you are in it, stay inside until help arrives. If you must exit, jump clear so that no part of your body is touching the car when you land. **KEEP BOTH FEET TOGETHER**, and shuffle or hop at least 30 feet away from the vehicle.

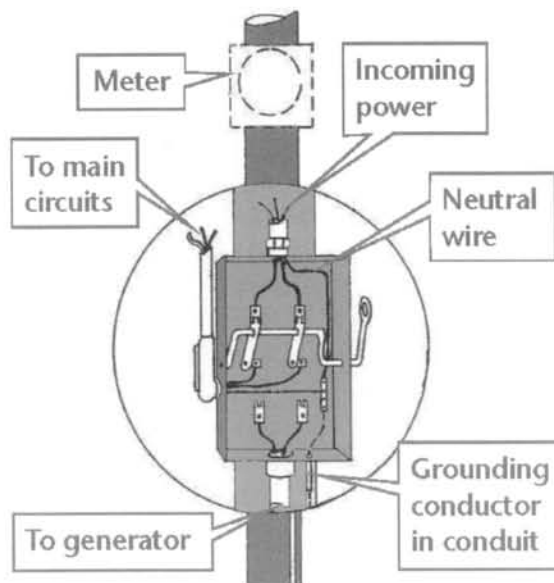


Double Throw Transfer Switches can save lives and equipment

Many of MVEA's members have standby generators to use in times of power outage emergencies. For the safety of our line crews, yourself, and equipment, it is imperative to install a suitable transfer (double throw) switch to disconnect the electric loads from MVEA's lines. It is such an important safety factor that double throw switches are required by the National Electric Code (Article 702-6) as well as by all power suppliers.

- Double throw switches prevent the backflow of current into MVEA's lines during an outage, which could electrocute linemen working to restore power.
- They prevent damage to the generator when regular electric power has been restored.

Double throw transfer switches purchased and installed by MVEA members must have an Underwriters Laboratory Approval rating for service entrance equipment. Switch installation must be inspected and approved by an MVEA employee. For more information, please call either MVEA office.



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