



Line Superintendent Rob Rising shows Glenwood students how linemen use a hot stick to safely work on power lines.

Keep Your Kids Safe Around Electricity

Electrical hazards cause thousands of injuries throughout the U.S. each year

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At Klickitat PUD, electrical safety is a priority not only for employees, but also for those we serve. That is why it is important to promote the safe relationship between electricity and children.

If there is one thing common to all children, it is curiosity. The urge to discover how things work, and the drive to explore the unknown, should be celebrated. But we have to teach them that cars, trucks and electrical outlets can be dangerous.

There are precautions to ensure children understand and heed the dangers from electricity.

As your county's electricity provider, Klickitat PUD takes some responsibility for helping deliver this message. This spring, KPUD representatives presented electrical safety lessons in classrooms

throughout Klickitat County.

The children especially enjoyed getting to see the tools linemen use to work safely on power lines. The question-and-answer sessions were full of excitement, with comments and stories about how electricity works and what to do in case of an emergency.

Glenwood teacher Paul Crowder appreciated the time and information.

"Thank you for the great lessons on electrical safety," he said. "The students really enjoyed it."

Electrical safety books, stickers and bookmarks were big hits with the kids.

Klickitat PUD plans to provide these presentations on an annual basis for children ages 9 to 10, so plan on learning more about electrical safety from the youth in your community. ■