

Black Hills Energy: Safety Requirements

The entity owning and constructing the trail shall follow Black Hills Energy's [design best practices](#) and have a risk management plan for their trail to optimize trail safety and reduce the possibility of injury, fire, property damage, and litigation. Components of a risk management plan include: inventory hazards, inventory uses, inventory the law, inspection, and mitigation.

Transmission lines have inherent danger because they transmit high voltage.

- Do not climb structures.
- Do not damage facilities (including structures, insulators, wires, supporting equipment, etc.).
- Never touch or get near a fallen or damaged line.
- Do not attempt to dismantle structures.
- Do not add any signage or objects to structures or facilities.
- Do not cut or remove facilities or pole ground wires.
- Do not apply additional loads to structures for temporary support of a structure or vehicle.
- Stay away from facilities and lines during extreme wind storms, thunderstorms, ice storms, or under other extreme conditions.