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Safety Continues To Be Top Priority in Aftermath of Ice Storm

- Iowans warned to stay away from downed and sagging power lines and instructed to report them immediately to their electricity provider -

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa – Jan. 21, 2010 – Ice storms are likely to knock down more power lines than other severe weather events in the Midwest, which is why safety should be top of mind for all Iowans during this ice storm.

Anyone who sees a downed power line should assume it is energized, stay away from it and immediately call public safety officials or their electricity provider to report it.

“Many power lines have started to sag due to the weight of the ice that has accumulated since yesterday’s storm hit creating a huge safety concern. Everyone should assume that all downed and sagging power lines are energized and make sure any children in the area know of the danger and keep away,” said Deb Borton, Public Relations Manager for Consumers Energy.

Consumers Energy personnel are prepared to respond to any downed power line reports and ready to restore electricity as quickly and safely as possible when members lose electric service.

Information about power outages impacting Consumers Energy members is available online at www.consumersenergy.coop, which is Consumers Energy’s Website.

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