



Electricians and Arc-Flash

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Attention: Electrical Contractors/Subcontractors

Work along energized service drops to buildings is dangerous.

That's why only utilities, or "qualified" electrical workers authorized by the utility, are permitted by safety rules (e.g., [WAC 296-45-325 \(1\)](#)) to perform tasks along **energized** service drops to:

- Cut drip loops and/or
- Pull or reconnect service meters

For more information about rules, hazards, and injury prevention:

- [Electrical Workers](#) topic page
- [OSHA's Illustrated Glossary: Services](#)

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Don't take unnecessary risks with your safety!

Arc-flash burns and other serious injuries can occur when working along energized service drops or other exposed electrical conductors.

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