



## **POWER LINE SAFETY FOR PILOTS & CREW**

Before you launch make certain you have coordinated an emergency plan. The plan should include a review of the information on this page which details phone numbers to call for help if your balloon comes in contact with electric power lines and the action to be taken by the pilot and chase crew.

If your balloon should collide with power lines, stay calm and adhere to the following procedures outlined by Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPCo) for pilot, passenger, and chase crew safety.

1. Stay in the basket unless there is a life-threatening emergency, such as fire.
2. Remain as still as possible in the basket. Do NOT attempt to push away from the power line or make contact with the line. Do NOT assume the line will be de-energized after contact — it could still be energized!
3. Your priority is to instruct your chase crew or spectators to call SPPCo at **(775)-834-4100** immediately. Sierra Pacific will send someone trained to help you and your balloon down safely at no cost. When notifying SPPCo, the caller should describe, as specifically as possible, the balloon's location (street intersections if in town, or the number on the power pole nearest to the balloon if in a rural area).
4. Keep your chase crew and spectators away from the balloon and power lines. Their efforts to help could endanger lives.
5. If conditions are such that you have no other choice than to make an emergency exit, jump clear of the basket or anything that is in contact with the power line, including a drop line — even it could be a conductor to the ground.

**Notify SPPCo at (775)-834-4100 immediately. SPPCo will send someone out to get your balloon down at no charge. For everyone's safety, DO NOT try to free the balloon yourself.**

**PRINT THIS PAGE TWICE, ONE COPY FOR THE PILOT AND ONE FOR THE CREW IN THE CHASE VEHICLE!!!!**