

Don't Put Election Posters on Utility Poles

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PPL Electric Utilities reminds election candidates and their supporters that posting campaign signs on utility poles is unsafe and may be illegal.

Line workers can be injured if their climbing hooks strike a nail, tack or staple that a campaigner has hammered into a pole. The unwanted fasteners also could tear the rubber equipment worn to protect workers from electrical shock.

Problems could arise even if the posters are affixed with tape or string. Utility reference marks might be obscured, impeding efforts to locate the source of trouble in the event of a power outage.

Section 6905 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code makes it a summary offense, which may be punishable by a maximum of 90 days in jail or a \$300 fine, to drive a nail or tack into a utility pole. In addition, many municipalities have ordinances prohibiting the posting of signs or posters on poles by any means.

The policy against affixing signs to utility poles applies not only to campaign displays, but also to all types of signs and advertisements, including posters for yard or garage sales.

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