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## Tips of the Trade



### Four Steps for Safe Demolition



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

In an  
Electrical Emergency,  
Call 911

For Questions About  
Working Near Power Lines  
or to Report an Electrical  
Safety Hazard, Call SCE at  
**1-800-611-1911**

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estos "Consejos del  
oficio" en español

#### 1. Call Us

Whether you will be performing complete or partial demolition or deconstruction, please call us first at 1-800-611-1911. We'll make the appropriate safety arrangements for electric meters and service on your job site. Electric meter and service removal are typically completed within five working days for residential and non-residential properties.

#### 2. Call 811 Before You Dig

If the job involves digging or moving earth in any way—such as removing footings, foundations, or tree stumps—be sure to call 811 at least two full working days before you begin. This free service will arrange for underground power lines and other utilities to be located and marked, so you can dig a safe distance away from them.

#### 3. Conduct a Visual Site Survey

Before work begins, conduct a visual inspection of the structure and the surrounding property:

- **Confirm all utility disconnects.** If electric utility disconnects are required, double check to make sure the electric meter and the electric service drop wire have been removed from the structure.
- **Look for power lines, poles, guy wires, and pad-mounted equipment remaining on or near the job site.** Consider all power lines energized and dangerous, and mark a safety boundary to keep people, tools, ladders, and heavy equipment at least 10 feet away from them.

#### 4. Review Your Emergency Plan Before Work Begins

Make sure everyone at the job site knows what to do in case of an accident.

#### Would You Like to Know More?

We offer electrical safety materials for contract workers. To request materials, please visit [on.sce.com/safetyonthejob](http://on.sce.com/safetyonthejob).

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