• Connexus Energy cannot guarantee the condition of any right of way (ROW) utility poles are placed in. Generally, we do not own the ROW’s our equipment is placed within.

• Ensure that you do a proper worksite evaluation before approaching any utility and that when approaching a utility pole you have surveyed the area for any general hazards such as:

  - Poisonous plants (ivy, sumac, oak)
  - Insect nests
  - Slip, trip, or fall hazards
  - Traffic hazards
POLE INSPECTION – SPECIFIC HAZARDS

• Utility poles are exposed to the weather and the general public, and may have conditions Connexus Energy is unaware of as a result.

• Unsafe conditions may exist, and are not limited to:
  ✓ Cut or damaged ground wires
  ✓ Cut or broken guy wires
  ✓ Broken, cracked, or damaged insulators
  ✓ Severe cracks or breaks in the pole
  ✓ Broken or damaged wire
  ✓ Broken or damaged cross arms
  ✓ Arcing or sparking transformers, regulators, or capacitors

• If any of these conditions exist, do NOT approach the pole, call Connexus Energy System Operations and report them immediately.
If you find any condition that may cause immediate danger to yourself or the general public:

1. Back away from the affected area
3. Do not let others approach the pole
UNAUTHORIZED POLE ATTACHMENTS

• If you believe that an unauthorized pole attachment is present, please make a note of that to your inspection record.

• Unauthorized pole attachments are, but are not limited to:
  ✓ Signs
  ✓ Television reception dishes
  ✓ Deer stands
  ✓ Holiday decorations

• If you believe an unauthorized pole attachment creates danger to you, the general public, or our employees, report it immediately to System Operations
You are a valued partner to help ensure our system is safe and reliable – please do not hammer test or drill any pole where specific or general hazards exist.

Thank you – if you have any specific questions not covered in this orientation, please contact the Connexus Energy Engineering or Safety department.