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PNM offers tips to stay safe during high winds

Proactive planning can reduce the risk of injury

(Albuquerque, NM) – With spring quickly approaching, PNM wants customers to stay safe during high wind weather. It is quite common to see high winds throughout New Mexico from March through June. PNM has helpful tips to keep you and your family safe during these types of weather events.



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Video courtesy of Southern California Edison

“High winds can bring down power lines, cause property damage and pose life-threatening dangers to people and pets,” said Chad Krukowski, director of safety for PNM. “Electricity can travel through water and the ground around downed power lines. Stay back the length of a school bus.”



- Touching a power line can cause severe injury or death. You cannot tell by looking whether a line is "live" or "hot". Even if a downed line is not actively sparking, always assume it is carrying electricity and immediately contact PNM at 888-DIAL-PNM.
- Be sure items in your yard that could fly away are anchored down, and if not, bring them inside.
- Wind can blow tree branches, tarps, and even lawn chairs into power lines. Never attempt to remove anything from the lines. Distance yourself and call us at 888-DIAL-PNM.
- If a wire falls on a vehicle, passengers should stay inside the vehicle until help arrives.

PNM SAFETY TIPS

**Keep balloons inside.
They can cause fires and outages.**

Celebrate graduation season without releasing balloons outside. Balloons can get caught in powerlines going up or coming down, risking fires and outages. Don't fly anything near a powerline.

Learn more at
[PNM.com/safety](https://www.pnm.com/safety)



Even if there are not any wind warnings, there are still safety precautions you can take. Below are some additional tips to consider when spending time outdoors enjoying the spring weather.

- When flying kites or drones always fly them in an open area, away from power poles, lines, and substations.
- Stay away from PNM electrical equipment, such as substations.
- Mylar party balloons can cause fires and power outages if released into the air. Keep them indoors. Most curbside recycling companies will accept Mylar, but if not, you can find a local recycling center that does.



For more electrical safety tips visit pnm.com/safety

About PNM

With headquarters in Albuquerque, PNM is the largest electricity provider in New Mexico, serving more than 530,000 customers in dozens of communities across the state. PNM strives to create enduring value for customers, communities, and shareholders built on a foundation of Environmental, Social and Governance Principles. At the core of our business, we are focused on our vision of creating a clean and bright energy future, our purpose of working together with our customers and community to serve their energy needs, and our values of safety, caring, and integrity. Visit [PNM.com](https://pnm.com) for more information.

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