

Test your electrical safety smarts.

The lights are on but is anybody home? Take this short quiz to find out how savvy you are when it comes to your electrical safety IQ. The results may shock you!

1. If you come across a downed powerline, how far should you stay back?

- A) 10 feet / 3 metres
- b) 15 feet / 6 metres
- c) 25 feet / 8 metres
- d) 35 feet / 10 metres**

2. When it comes to conducting electricity, fiberglass and wooden ladders are_____.

- a) Less safe than aluminum ladders.
- b) Safer than aluminum ladders.**
- c) Just as safe as aluminum ladders.
- d) Outlawed in Ontario.

3. Tall trees including oak, elm and beech trees should be planted ____ feet away from powerlines.

- a) 15 feet / 6 metres
- b) 30 feet / 9 metres
- c) 20 feet / 6 metres
- d) 25 feet / 8 metres**

4. What's the safest way to carry a ladder to avoid contact with overhead powerlines?

a) **Horizontally**

b) Vertically

c) Diagonally

5. Why do birds not get electrocuted when they land on a wire?

a) **Birds don't complete a circuit; they land on only one wire**

b) Birds do not land on wires, they hover.

c) Birds have built up tolerance to electricity.

d) Birds land *only* on wires that are not live.

6. The name of a popular dance at weddings is the _____

a) Electric Flip

b) Electric Jive

c) **Electric Slide**

d) Electric Waltz

Answers: 1(d); 2(b); 3(d); 4(a); 5(a); 6(c). Number correct: 6=Master; 5=Skilled; 4=Apprentice; 3 or less=Newbie: Get learning. The Electrical Safety Authority encourages all Ontarians to learn more about electrical safety. For more information visit: www.powerlinesafety.ca