Attention: Electrical Contractors/Subcontractors

Work along energized service drops to buildings is dangerous.

That’s why only utilities, or “qualified” electrical workers authorized by the utility, are permitted by safety rules (e.g., WAC 296-45-325 (1)) to perform tasks along energized service drops to:

- Cut drip loops and/or
- Pull or reconnect service meters

For more information about rules, hazards, and injury prevention:
- Electrical Workers topic page
- OSHA’s Illustrated Glossary: Services

Get 1-on-1 assistance from L&I or visit L&I’s Safety & Health webpage for training, videos, and other resources to help strengthen your safety program.

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