

POLE DISMANTLING/REMOVING

1. Pike poles may be used to support a pole while temporary rope guys are being installed and secured, but will never be used as the sole support of a hazardous pole while other work is being performed.
2. When an old pole is being replaced and a new pole has been set along side, the two poles shall be lashed securely together and as much work as possible be done from the new pole.
3. Regardless of the condition or the age of a pole, sudden strain must never be placed on it, such as by cutting a conductor while an employee is on the pole.
4. When an old pole is being temporarily supported by rope guys, it must be attached as close to the existing load as possible, anchored securely, and in such direction as to take care of all strains developing on the pole.
5. In removing an old pole line, if condition permits, it will be safer to cut or pull the poles and then remove the conductors, than to climb each pole and untie the conductors separately.
6. All members of a crew who are not actually engaged in the removal of poles must stand away to avoid possible injury in case the pole falls. Traffic shall be stopped if necessary while a pole is being removed.

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