

**WAC 296-878-17005 Maintain clearance between window cleaners and power lines.** (1) You must maintain clearances between window cleaners and power lines as indicated in Tables 2 and 3.

**Table 2  
Minimum Clearances from Power Lines - Insulated Lines**

| <b>Voltage</b>      | <b>Minimum distance</b>   | <b>Alternatives</b>   |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Less than 300 volts | 3 feet (0.9 m)  | ----  |
| 300 volts to 50 kv  | 10 feet (3.1 m)   | ----  |
| More than 50 kv     | 10 feet (3.1 m) plus 0.4 inches (1.0 cm) for each 1 kv over 50 kv | 2 times the length of the line insulator, but never less than 10 feet (3.1 m) |

**Table 3  
Minimum Clearances from Power Lines - Uninsulated Lines**

| <b>Voltage</b>  | <b>Minimum distance</b>   | <b>Alternatives</b>   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Less than 50 kv | 10 feet (3.1 m)   | ----  |
| More than 50 kv | 10 feet (3.1 m) plus 0.4 inches (1.0 cm) for each 1 kv over 50 kv | 2 times the length of the line insulator, but never less than 10 feet (3.1 m) |

(2) You must follow these procedures when window cleaners need to get closer to power lines than allowed in Tables 2 and 3:

(a) Notify the utility company or electrical system operator of the need to work closer than the minimum clearances to power lines before starting the work;

(b) Begin the work only when the utility company or electrical system operator has deenergized or relocated the lines, or installed protective coverings to prevent accidental contact with the lines.

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