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Placing Signs or decorations? Use Caution!!

(Sudbury, ON)- Greater Sudbury Hydro cautions everyone placing signs, no matter how small, into the ground that there is a very real risk of injury, even death.

“Anything going into the ground 6 inches—that’s 15 centimeters-- deep or more requires a locate,” said Wendy Watson, Director of Communications. “This include election signs, seasonal messages, decorations...everything. We have noticed lately that some campaign teams are placing signs near transformer boxes. This is a terrible idea. Those boxes have underground electrical cables running from them, and if the cable is pierced, the person placing the sign could be electrocuted. A GSH locator recently saw a campaign volunteer placing a sign right in front of a transformer; that person said they were told to put the signs in front of transformers for visibility. Bad idea!”

Watson says the utility realizes campaign volunteers are not likely to get locates for every sign placement, but suggests they stay far away from pad-mount transformers...those green hydro boxes in some yards.

“We fully support the electoral process and understand people have putting up signs for decades. We really want to make sure everyone stays safe. Do NOT put any sign 6 inches or deeper, and stay as far away as possible from the transformer boxes.”

If you need to get a locate. It’s free and easy. Just visit Ontario One Call online www.on1call.com or Call 1-800-400-2255.

Safety is everyone’s business!

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