



## Cranes & Derricks Rule

### Recommended Safety Practices for All Workers

Whether you operate heavy equipment or use handheld tools, when you work outdoors you work around power lines and natural gas pipelines. Use these tips to stay safe:

- **Be aware of power lines and gas pipelines** at your job site.
- **Call your underground utility locator service or 811** well in advance of digging or moving earth in any way.
- **Stay at least 10 feet away** from overhead power lines carrying up to 50kV.
- **Cranes and derricks:** Keep equipment at least **20 feet away** if line voltage is unknown.
- **Use a dedicated spotter** when operating heavy equipment.
- **Do not try to guide a load and be a spotter** at the same time.
- **Learn how to recognize and respond** to a natural gas pipeline leak.
- **Know what to do** if your equipment contacts a power line or gas line.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

**To report emergency situations, call 911  
and the local utility immediately.**