

Stay Safe Around Electricity: Metallic Balloon Safety

- **Keep metallic balloons indoors.** They should always be tied to a weight.
- **Never release them outside.** They can cause electrical outages if they touch wires.
- **Never remove the weight.** Puncture balloons before disposing of them.
- **Stay away and call 911.** Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon or kite tangled in wires.

Visit us at sce.com/staysafe for more safety tips. **Stay aware. Stay safe.**

Be Prepared for Outage Emergencies

If your home or business is located in an area designated as a Tier 2 or Tier 3 high fire risk zone, you may want to consider adding a power station or a portable generator to your emergency preparedness plans. These devices may provide backup power for your personal electronics such as a cell phone, computer, or other important household appliances such as refrigerators, lighting, garage door opener and medical devices which helps you to be more prepared for an outage or other emergency. Rebates are available for the purchase of qualifying products.

Watch our backup power educational videos, learn more about available solutions and apply for rebates in the SCE Marketplace at sce.com/rebates.

To learn more about the process and method the California Public Utilities Commission used to determine High Fire Threat District maps, visit:

cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/wildfires/fire-threat-maps-and-fire-safety-rulemaking

Budget Your Electricity Bill with the Budget Billing Plan (was Level Pay Plan)

Are your electric bills higher in the summer? Do these higher bills stretch your budget? Sign up for SCE's Budget Billing Plan (BBP), which allows you to spread high summer and/or winter bills over an entire year in eleven (11) equal monthly payments (on the 12th month, you will receive a settlement bill showing either a payment due or a credit balance).

To learn more visit sce.com/residential/assistance.

If you'd like to enroll, please call **1-800-434-2365**. BBP is based on eligibility and some restrictions may apply. Once enrolled, you must pay your bills monthly by the due date to remain eligible for the program.

Get Help If You Use Medical Equipment

If you or someone in your household requires the regular use of electrically powered medical equipment and devices, you may be eligible for our Medical Baseline Allowance Program (MBL). The program provides an additional allotment of 16.5-kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per day on your monthly bill. MBL can help offset the cost of operating the medical equipment and prioritizes your household to get critical alerts and notifications if outages occur, including Public Safety Power Shutoffs.

To learn more about eligibility requirements or if you have questions about medical equipment or criteria, visit sce.com/mbi or call **1-800-655-4555**. MBL application forms are available in various languages and in alternative formats, such as large print and braille upon request.

NOTE: We will evaluate the eligibility of the device on your application if it is not listed on sce.com/mbi. Medical devices used for therapy but not medically required for sustaining life do not qualify for this program.


** Includes Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Physician Assistant (PA) or Nurse Practitioner (NP).*

Support for Customers Affected by a Major Disaster

If you or someone you know has been affected by a disaster for which a state of emergency has been declared, please visit sce.com/disastersupport for information about consumer protections, programs and services SCE has available.

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Proposition 65 Warnings

 **WARNING:** The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, commonly referred to as Proposition 65, requires the governor to publish a list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. It also requires California businesses to warn the public of potential exposures to these chemicals that result from their operations.

Providing safe and reliable service to all of our customers is a top priority for Southern California Edison and we want you to be aware of these chemicals so that you can reduce exposure to chemicals associated with electricity generation and distribution. We handle all equipment and materials at our sites carefully for your good health as well as ours. However, if you are at or near our facilities and work sites, you can be exposed to the following chemicals on the state's Proposition 65 list. Reduce, limit, or avoid activities at and near the sources of exposure described below. For more information go to:

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

1. **Diesel Generation:** Diesel Exhaust: SCE uses diesel-fueled emergency generators during emergencies and other times to help minimize the interruption of our customers' supply of electricity. The generators are used at some SCE facilities like substations and service centers, and at locations where repairs are made to the electrical system. SCE also uses diesel as the primary fuel for electricity generation on Catalina Island and in many service vehicles used throughout our service territory. Diesel engines produce exhaust as a by-product of the combustion of diesel fuel. Breathing diesel engine exhaust exposes you to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. You should avoid breathing diesel fumes whenever possible.

2. **Wooden Utility Poles:** SCE uses wooden poles that have been treated with chemical preservatives. These chemicals include pentachlorophenol, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, and petroleum products such as diesel fuel, which contains chemicals including toluene and benzene that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. If you come into contact with a wooden utility pole or the dust, debris, soil surrounding the pole, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, and soil previously in contact with the pole, you could be exposed to these chemicals. Avoid contact with wooden utility poles and the dust, debris, soil surrounding the poles, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, soil surrounding the poles, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, and soil previously in contact with the poles.

3. **Painted Structures:** SCE utilizes metal and wood structures and equipment that may have been coated with paints containing chemicals, such as lead-based paint, that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. When the paint on these on these structures deteriorates, flakes of paint can impact the soil adjacent to the structure. To avoid exposure, you should avoid contact with any paint flakes or soil near any structure with deteriorating paint.

Los usuarios con acceso al Internet podran leer y descargar esta notificacion en espanol en el sitio Web de SCE:

www.sce.com/avisos

Not Seeing Eye-to-Eye With Your Bill?

If you believe the amount you have been billed is incorrect, call the customer service phone number at the top of your bill to request an explanation. We will be glad to look into your concerns.

Just in Time for a Friendly Reminder

Many of us know someone who may have difficulty remembering to pay the electric bill on time. Whatever the circumstance, a free Friendly Reminder Notification might help prevent unnecessary disconnections* of a customer's electric service.

SCE customers can designate someone to be notified in the event their service is to be disconnected because of a past due bill. Designated persons are not responsible for paying the bill, but they can provide an extra reminder when the bill payment is due. To enroll an SCE customer, call **1-800-684-8123**, or for complete details, visit sce.com/reminder.

**A Friendly Reminder Notification does not stop electric service from being disconnected if the bill is not paid on time.*

Safe Portable Generator Hook-Up

Connecting a portable generator to your home's electrical wiring is dangerous and can cause serious injuries or electrocution.

Do not hook up a generator directly to an electrical panel. The safe way is to plug the electrical equipment into a portable generator using a properly sized extension cord approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

If your needs require a generator to be wired directly to your home's electrical system, California state law mandates that you notify us. We also recommend that you enlist the service of a qualified electrician to perform the task.

For additional safety information visit:
sce.com/generator

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