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Business *Connection*

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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 www.sce.com/staysafe for more safety tips. **Stay aware. Stay safe.**

Be Aware of Potential Payment Scams

- All SCE customers are advised to be aware of potential payment scams.
- We do not have a disconnection department and an SCE agent will not call you to demand payment over the phone.
- We do not request or accept prepaid cards (like money-pack), cryptocurrency (like Bitcoin) or payment apps (like Cash-App, Zelle or Venmo).

To learn more go to www.sce.com/scamalert

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

www.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:

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

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 www.sce.com/disastersupport for information about consumer protections, programs and services SCE has available.

Not Seeing Eye-to-Eye With Your Bill?

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

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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 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.

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