

Kentucky Utilities-offers safety advice

Now is a good time for people to think about and prepare themselves for severe storms that could cause power outages.

Strong winds, heavy rains and lightning strikes can lead to downed trees and power lines and possibly electrically charged areas that may be beneath standing water. Kentucky Utilities Company encourages customers to "Think Storm Safety" and take steps to be prepared.

As KU receives the first reports of outages, crews are dispatched quickly to the affected areas and work around-the-clock, if necessary, to find the source of the problem and to safely restore customer power.

During severe weather, KU urges customers to:

- Consider all fallen wires as potentially dangerous, because they may be energized. Report them

Booth in Mediterranean

Navy Airman Kevin R. Booth, son of Mary L. and Cavanaugh L. Booth of Bartonsville Road in Carlisle, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

While on deployment, crewmembers from Booth's ship participated in damage control olympics, a competition designed to train the crew to properly handle a crisis at sea. The events included a fire-fighting gear race, a hose-manning competition, a protective suit dressout and "desmoking" compartments.

Booth's ship also visited Souda Bay, Crete where he had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Carrs like USS Harry S. Truman are deployed around the world to maintain U.S.

presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis.

Booth is a 1999 graduate of Nicholas County High School of Carlisle, and joined the Navy in June 1999.

immediately. Stay away from downed lines and from anything — such as a tree limb or metal objects — that may be touching the wires. Keep others away too, and call KU's 24-hour toll-free emergency served number, 1-800-981-0600, to report where the line is down.

• Stay away from all water-soaked areas that have an electrical equipment nearby. Water is one of the best conductors of electricity, so any water-covered ground near an electrical current is dangerous and potentially life threatening.

• Avoid touching metal fences or guard rails during or after a storm. A power line could have fallen across it quite a distance away, causing it to be energized.

• Be prepared. Keep a battery-powered radio and flashlight nearby. Make sure fresh batteries are available

for both.

If the power goes off, KU urges customers to:

• Check to see if other parts of the house still have power. Also, check to see if your neighbors still have lights. If the trouble is confined to your home, you may need the services of an electrician.

• Turn off major appliances to lessen the load on KU's system when power is restored. This can help prevent another and possibly larger outage. You can leave a couple of light switches on to let you know when the outage is over.

• After the outage, avoid turning everything back on at once.



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