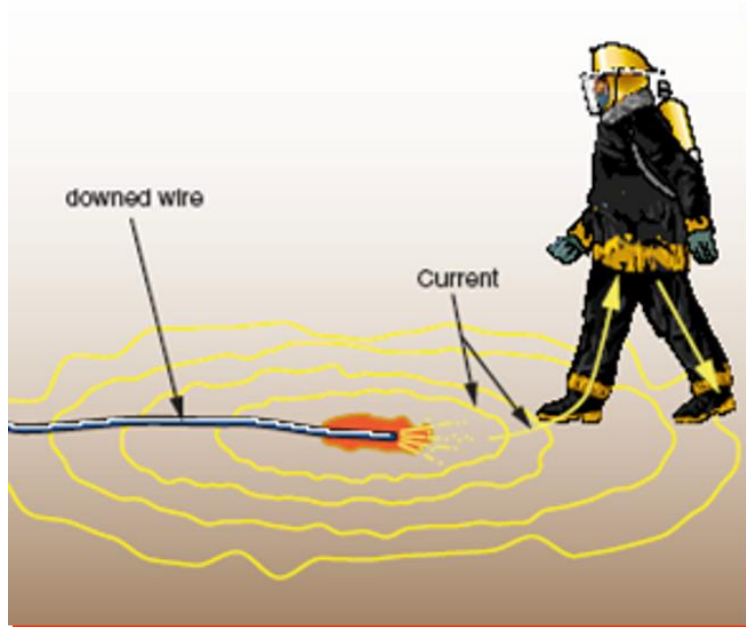


A downed high voltage wire that is live, can electrify the ground. As the distance from the wire increases the electric potential present diminishes. If you could see it, it would look like ripples in a pond



expanding away from a rock dropped into the water. A person walking towards the wire could have each foot at a different electrical potential as he steps forward. The result would be the passing of electrical current up on leg and down the other to his detriment. Depending on a number of variables, this

could be deadly for him. Do not approach a downed electrical wire. If you find yourself close to a high voltage wire, hop or shuffle away from the wire while keeping your feet close together. This will prevent you from straddling two different electric potential zones.