



## **NOTICE**

### **STAYING SAFE FROM ELECTRICITY ACCIDENTS DURING THE RAINY SEASON**

The Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi is alerting customers that rainfalls and storms can cause electrical safety hazards. Lightning, downed power lines and poles may lead to bodily harm or loss of life and property.

ESCOM is advising its valued customers and the general public that they should always be cautious in order to avoid electricity related accidents during this rainy season by observing the following safety tips:

- Avoid fallen electricity poles and power lines or anything in contact with these.
- Do not lift up any low lying power lines.
- Do not raise fallen or badly leaning electricity poles or support structures.
- Do not jump over, go under, or touch broken or low hanging electricity power lines.
- Do not drive over fallen power lines.
- Stay inside a car if it is in contact with a fallen power line and tell others to stay away from the car. If the car has caught fire, jump out of the car without contact with the car or any other metal part of the car.
- Be careful not to touch water—or anything in contact with water—near where there is a downed power line.
- Prevent access to an area where there is a fallen electricity pole, or a broken or low hanging power line by putting warning signs to warn others of the immediate danger.
- Never touch or come close to vandalized electricity equipment.
- Report all vandalized ESCOM equipment to ESCOM faults center or to the nearest ESCOM Offices.
- Do not climb any tree that is touching or is near to power lines.
- Do not attempt to free somebody who is in contact with an electrical power line; but inform and alert the nearest ESCOM office, faults center and Police or Fire Brigade.
- Desist from doing any illegal electricity connections and extensions.
- Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet.

ESCOM is further advising its customers and the general public to be more cautious and not to take matters in their own hands but to always report all electricity faults and defects of power structures to ESCOM faults centers, the nearest ESCOM office or to the nearest police station.

## **MANAGEMENT**