
Technician Question Pool

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Electrical Safety

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Antenna and Tower Safety

Antenna safety is also of primary concern. There are two aspects of antenna safety: being safe when installing an antenna, and safely operating an antenna.



TOB04

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