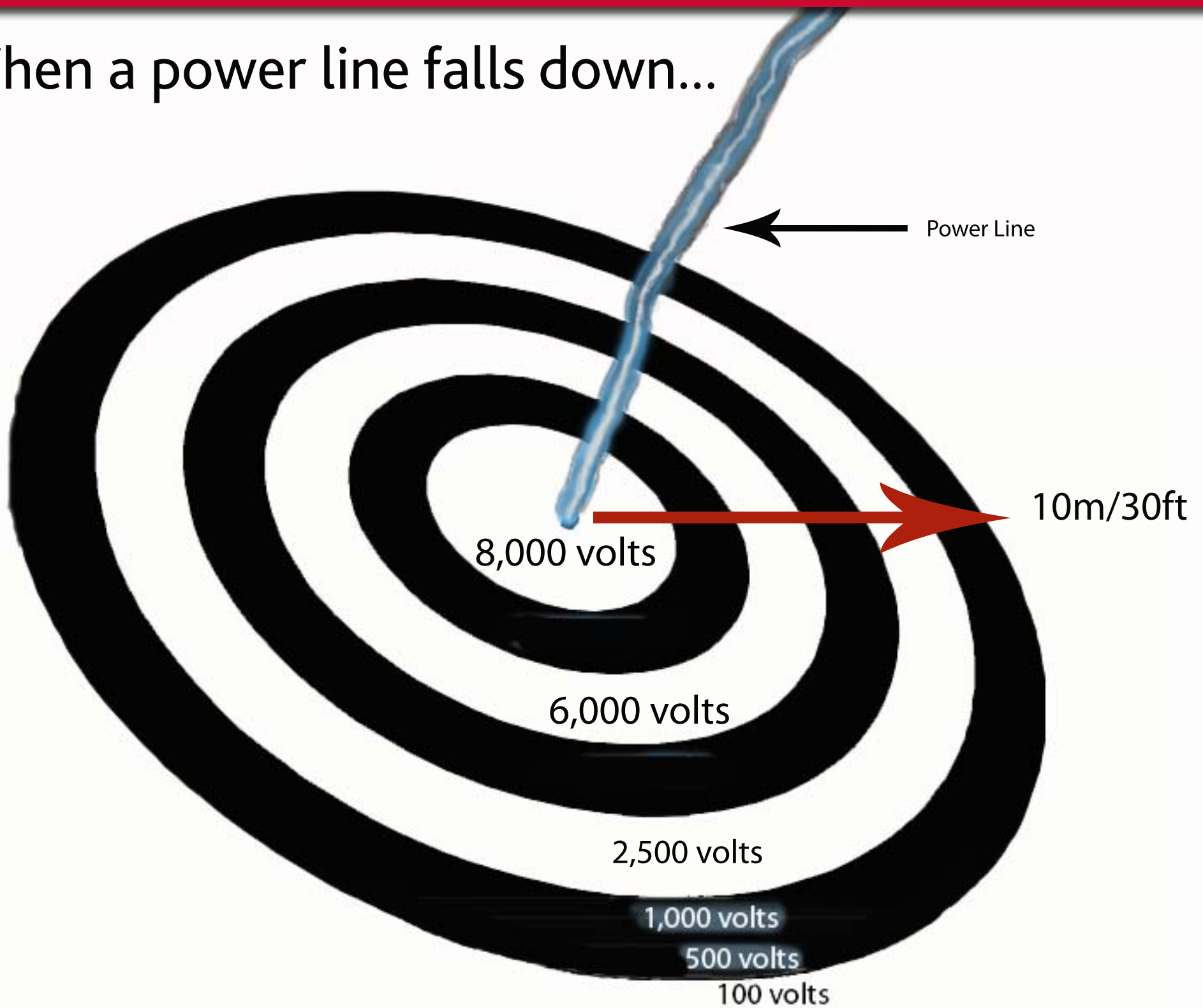


# When a power line falls down...



## Electricity ripples through the ground!

Downed power lines, whether touching the ground or landing on a vehicle, are very dangerous. Electricity will create a ripple effect in the ground called Step Potential, which fills the ground with electric charge up to ten metres away in every direction.

If you touch any two spots in this zone, electricity will use your body to increase the strength of the charge, and push the ripple forward. It is as if electricity can take a step using you as the conductor, and you will be shocked and seriously injured.

The best plan is to stay away from downed power lines. If a vehicle is involved, shout at the people to stay inside it, as the car or truck will protect them. Have someone call 911 so help can arrive to turn off the power, and make sure everyone is kept safe.

**Take a step toward safety and always stay at least ten metres away from downed power lines!**

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