

# Evergy to release social media campaign to put a stop to copper theft

WICHITA, Kan. (Mar 4, 2020) – Evergy is partnering with the Wichita Police Department to put a halt on copper theft. After frequent theft attempts within the Wichita community over the past six months, Evergy has designed a social media campaign to raise awareness of the safety hazards stealing copper has on a community.

By attempting to steal copper, people put themselves at risk and the community in harm's way. Contact with high-voltage, energized equipment without proper protective gear and training can cause serious injury, including death. Copper theft can create unnecessary risks inside a substation for employees because equipment has been compromised. It can also create outages for the community.

“Evergy prides itself on safety as a priority for our communities and the people we serve every day,” said Derek Bell, Evergy senior director of safety and training. “We encourage anyone to immediately report unsafe conditions they observe in their area.”

Evergy vehicles feature hazard lights. Our employees wear Evergy-branded hard hats. If you don't see these markers, you should call 911 or Crime Stoppers at 316-267-2111.

Evergy plans to release its [copper theft video](#) on its Facebook and Twitter accounts. It can also be found at: [evergy.com/coppertheft](https://evergy.com/coppertheft).

[Link to Copper Theft Video](#)



About Evergy, Inc.

Evergy, Inc. (NYSE: EVRG) serves approximately 1.6 million customers in Kansas and Missouri. We were formed in 2018 when long-term local energy providers KCP&L and Westar Energy merged. We generate nearly half the power we provide to homes and businesses with emission-free sources. We support our local communities where we live and work, and strive to meet the needs of customers through energy savings and innovative solutions

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