



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Removing Downed Trees Safety Message

Clearing downed trees is a critical job during severe winter weather conditions. It is usually urgent to remove downed trees that block public roads and damage power lines. Emergency crews are often tasked with clearing downed trees

Potential hazards include:

Electrocution by contacting downed energized power lines or contacting broken tree limbs in contact with downed energized power lines.

Falls from heights.

Being injured by equipment such as chain saws

Workers should wear PPE that protect them from the hazards of the tree removal tasks. Workers using chainsaws and chippers to clear downed trees should use: gloves, chaps, foot protection, eye protection, fall protection, hearing protection and head protection.