



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

### Day to Day Best Practices Safety Message

Perhaps one of the easiest things that can be done to engrain a safety consciousness into everyday activities and keep it top of mind is to incorporate safety information into briefings. For example, communicating known hazards, as well as methods to minimize the safety risks associated with these hazards, at the beginning of each work shift.

Another way to promote and enhance awareness of safety for all linemen to regularly attend safety training sessions. This type of training is critical to safety – linemen need to know the rules and best practices embodied in the NESC, OSHA and other pertinent codes and regulations. Not only does this increase the employees' propensity to be safe on the job, but it can also help line personnel hone their instincts regarding decisions like when to go slow or even stop if conditions or configurations don't make sense.

Third, and perhaps most obvious, all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be checked for damage, contamination, and high levels of wear and tear every day. The required PPE should also be appropriate for the job at hand.

Finally, an on-site crewmember should be selected to be responsible for ensuring proper safety protocols while crews are working on energized lines. This includes, but is not limited to, identifying energized components and nominal voltages, ensuring clearances are maintained, ensuring proper safety protocols are followed, and making sure that all PPE is up to snuff.

