



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Minimum Approach Distance Safety Message

Let's kick off this message with a definition of what "MAD" means in the utility sector – The word is actually an acronym that stands for minimum approach distance, which is the calculated safe working distance that provides worker protection when working on or in the vicinity of energized lines and equipment.

OSHA refers to MAD as "the closest distance a qualified employee may approach an energized conductor or object."

ANY CLOSER AND IT MUST BE COVERED

MAD is not the distance you're required to have before putting on your rubber gloves / sleeves (if required)