



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Rubber Insulating PPE Safety Message

The key to keeping workers safe from electrical hazards hinges on one primary thing: awareness.

Awareness takes many forms. Workers need to, first, know about the PPE that will keep them safe. Second, they must also understand the importance of regularly inspecting and testing the PPE to make sure it continues to meet all safety guidelines. This regular testing, moreover, ensures compliance and reduces long-term costs that result from poor PPE maintenance.

Despite the general awareness about the importance of rubber insulating PPE, it's still on the radar for both state and federal regulators.

Compliance lags far behind the goals. The challenge comes from both management teams that seem unwilling to invest in this important equipment and from workers who are either reluctant to use it or don't understand that it can make the difference between life and death.