



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### **UG Cable Safety Considerations Safety Message**

Properly identifying energized cables is critical to worker safety. Over the course of my career, I'm aware of more than one utility worker who suffered serious burns after attempting to cut into a live cable that was not properly identified or de-energized.

Proper cable identification procedures may take some extra time on a job, but the cost of that extra time does not compare to the cost of a worker being injured and the aftermath that may follow.

If there is any doubt about the status of a cable or cables to be cut, stop the job until clarification is made and everyone affected agrees that it is safe to continue.

***Discuss your procedures to properly identify cables***