



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Using Your Aerial Device Jib to Handle Transformers Safety Message

When it comes to lifting transformers, aerial devices equipped with jibs are one of the handiest tools available to lineworkers. Compared to old methods for transformer replacement – which required workers to climb the pole and use a pulley to manually lift the transformer – using a jib is safer, easier and more productive.

Most aerial devices sold to companies in the utility industry are equipped with jibs. However, not all jibs are the same, and the user should evaluate the type of work to be done when choosing the equipment for the job.

- Know Your Equipment
- Inspect Your Equipment
- Know the Load
- Understand Proper Setup

Lifting transformers is one of the everyday tasks conducted by utility crews. Aerial devices equipped with jibs have made this work easier and more productive. In some cases, aerial devices with material-handling capability also can reduce the amount of equipment needed on the job site. Most importantly, they can improve safety when used properly. The next time your crew is tasked with changing out a transformer, consider best practices for equipment selection, inspection, setup and load handling.