

# ESOURCE NEWSLETTER



## STAY SAFE WHEN A POWER LINE IS DOWN

### Know What to Do When Hazards Strike

Be aware of hazards presented by downed power lines. Your life or the life of someone else depends on it.

### Never Touch a Downed Power Line

Never touch anything or anyone in contact with a power line. You could be shocked by contact with the line or a secondary object or person.

When a live wire touches the ground, electricity fans out through the ground, similar to when a pebble hits water. You could be shocked when in the area of a downed power line. The minimum safe distance from a downed power line is 35 feet.

- Consider all wires energized and dangerous. Even de-energized lines may become energized at any time.
- Stay at least 35 feet away from downed lines.
- Electricity can travel through the ground, fences, hoses, and playscapes. A live wire, either on the ground or in trees, can harm you, even if you don't directly touch the line.

- Electricity can also travel through tree limbs. Never remove tree limbs or other items touching or near a downed wire and report your findings to the City or Town Electric Utility.
- Never use any object to move a downed wire.
- Rubber gloves and rubber-soled shoes will not protect you from electrocution.
- Do not try to rescue someone who makes contact with a downed power line. You risk becoming a victim yourself. Call 9-1-1.

### When a Vehicle Comes in Contact with a Power Line

If a broken power line falls on your vehicle and you cannot safely drive away:

- Call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Warn others not to touch the vehicle. Ask them to call 9-1-1 if you are unable to call.
- Do not leave the vehicle unless it becomes unsafe due to immediate dangers, such as fire or smoke. You may leave the vehicle when someone from the electric company tells you it is safe to do so.

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- If you must leave the vehicle because of fire or other danger, jump as far away from the vehicle as possible. Land with both feet on the ground at the same time.
- Never touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time.
- After exiting the vehicle, keep your feet together and "hop" away. Don't run! Never lift a foot. You must either shuffle your feet in tiny steps, with your feet never leaving the ground, or you can hop keeping your feet together. Separating your feet can create two contact points with the ground and can result in a shock if the ground is energized by a fallen wire.

**If you observe a fallen power line on a vehicle:**

- Stay at least 35 feet away from the downed line.
- If someone is in the vehicle, call 9-1-1.
- Call your Town or City Electric Utility and report the location of the line.
- Do not approach or make contact with the person or vehicle. Wait for emergency personnel.

## IMEA 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

**May 6 -17 IMEA 610 Wood Pole Climbing Workshop  
Scottsburg (050624)**

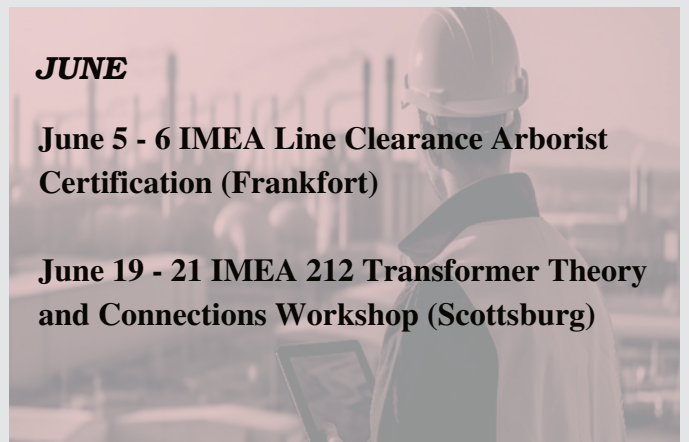
**May 20 – 24 IMEA 612 Intermediate Workshop  
Scottsburg (050222)**



### JUNE

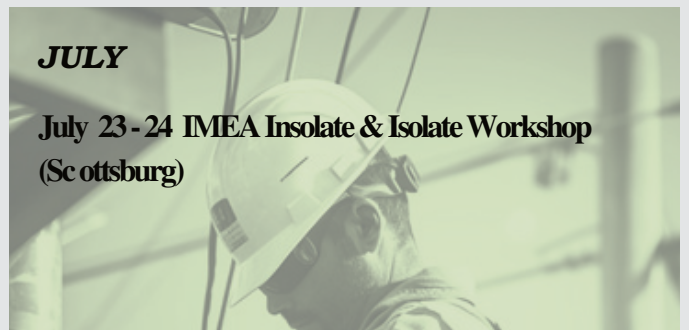
**June 5 - 6 IMEA Line Clearance Arborist  
Certification (Frankfort)**

**June 19 - 21 IMEA 212 Transformer Theory  
and Connections Workshop (Scottsburg)**



### JULY

**July 23 - 24 IMEA Insulate & Isolate Workshop  
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