



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Pole Top and Bucket Rescue Safety Message

Rescue of a conscious or unconscious person from a pole or other elevated structure may be required due to illness, severe injury or electric shock. In any of these situations, the victim may require help to reach the ground safely. Sometimes this may consist of minimal assistance while the individual comes down under his/her own power. Other times it may require lowering an unconscious or severely injured person.

May 3, 2024 - IMEA Member:

- A second year apprentice attempted to climb a 30' pole with a security light and had to be rescued.
- Climbers were not fastened to his feet properly, strap wrapped around ankle but not around the climber shank.
- Rescue equipment was on the truck but not at the pole.
- Apprentice stated he forgot to wrap the strap around the climber shank.

You have to climb regularly (especially as an apprentice) to stay proficient. Fortunately the apprentice was not injured; however, the outcome could of been much different. Career wise probably not so fortunate.