



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

How do you spell SAFETY?
Safety **M**eans **A**lways **R**emember **T**eamwork

Hazards Do Not Discriminate Safety Message

I encourage you to focus on the safety of you and your TEAM (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) and not on any us-versus-them mentalities that create division and discourage teamwork. Are we fighting against each other or are we fighting against hazards?

Beyond what could happen when any accident occurs, here are some other questions I want you to consider:

1. Who gets cut worse if a rotating chainsaw strikes their unprotected leg – a highly experienced chainsaw operator or someone using a chainsaw for the first time?
2. Who gets electrocuted first when touching an energized power line and a ground without rubber gloves – an experienced lineman or an apprentice?
3. Who hits the ground first after a fall from the same elevation – a senior vice president or an entry-level apprentice?

I could go on with an exhaustive list of hazards and demographic differences, but instead I will state with absolute certainty that hazards do not care about experience, age, race, gender, socioeconomics, popularity, political affiliation or any other differences among people.