



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Responding to Electrical Emergencies Safety Message

Assisting a Shock Victim – Your first impulse may be to run to the victim and touch them to assess their condition.

But first, you should shout out for someone to call 911 and alert emergency responders so they can get headed that way. Then you need to take a careful look around to make sure the person who was shocked is not still making contact with any energized electrical line or other energized device. Look to see if they are grasping an electrical line in their hand, lying atop an electrical line, or if an electrical line is making contact with any part of their body. If so, try to locate the power supply and turn it off or disconnect it so the electricity is no longer flowing to and through the victim. If that is not possible, then try to find a long non-conductive object such as a fiberglass pole or a dry piece of wood, and try to separate the person from the electrical line.

Electrical shock can often interrupt a person's regular heart rhythm. So check the victim to see if they are breathing and also check for a pulse. Then render CPR and/or rescue breathing as needed. Other common injuries associated with electrocutions include burns, as well as broken bones, bleeding, or bruises suffered from falling when shocked.

**NOTE: APPA Safety Manual requires the victim to be examined by medical professionals.**