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Tailgate Talks with Your Crew Improves Jobsite Safety

On a job site, it's tempting to immediately start a task or resolve an issue with a "get 'er done" attitude. However, in doing so, you lose the opportunity to identify safety risks. When working as a team, you also need to discuss the risks of that job site. By discussing safety risks, you decrease the chances of someone getting injured.

The utilities sector is a higher-risk sector. Some of the most frequent worksite causes of injury and death are present in the utilities industry. These include slips and falls, collision with a moving object, and contact with dangerous substances.

According to statistics published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there is a range in incidence rates of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses within the utilities sector. Water and sewer line-related injuries for the year 2020, for example, had an incident rate of 2.6 per 100 people. Utility system construction had an incident rate of 1.7 per 100 people for the same year. And oil and gas pipeline was the safest at 0.6. (The average for all industries is 2.9.)



According to [statista.com](https://www.statista.com), "In 2022, almost 177,000 people worked for utilities in the electric power generation sector in the United States." If we apply the incident rate for "utility system construction" (1.7 per 100 people), that means annually about 3,000 people employed in the sector are injuring themselves on the job. One of the easiest things companies working in the utilities sector can do to decrease worksite injuries and deaths is to talk with your employees every day about safety risks on the job site.

- **Length is key.** Toolbox talks should be brief. Even if the content is great, you will eventually lose people's attention.
- **Be consistent.** Although the talks need to be varied, the practice of talking about safety needs to be consistent to be effective. And consistent practice will lead to better safety talks.

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To make sure that all guests are provided hotel room availability we ask that you reserve your room ahead of time. This way we can keep track of quantity and increase the group block if needed.

We need your voice to be heard & your experience of the Public Power Industry to share with others during the IMEA Annual Business meeting.

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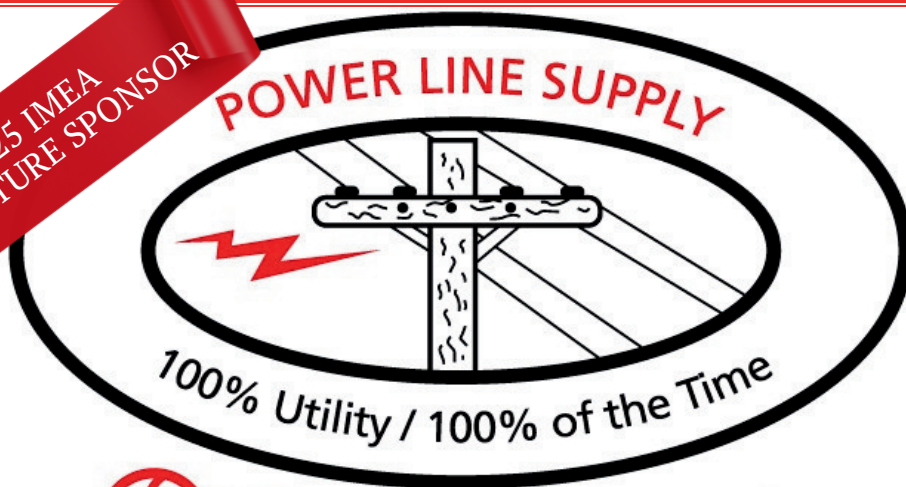
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