



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Never Assume a Downed Line Is De-Energized

During emergency response, downed power lines present one of the greatest dangers to utility workers and the public. Never assume a line is de-energized simply because it is on the ground, isn't arcing, or appears damaged. Backfeed from generators, solar systems, or other sources can energize lines unexpectedly. Follow established procedures for isolation, testing, and grounding before beginning work. Treat every conductor as energized until it has been properly tested and grounded.