



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Pressure To Get Work Done Quickly Safety Message

Lineman experience pressure to get their work done quickly in more extreme ways than others. Many linemen are sent out in dangerous weather or after natural disasters and are expected to get the power back up and running as quickly as possible. These pressures are usually from external sources, such as homeowners and businesses who want to get back to normal as quickly as possible. There can also be internal pressure to get tasks completed quickly. Different things can be done on the job in order to avoid the risk of injury caused by rushing through tasks.

Plan out your work prior to starting it. Make sure you have all the tools and equipment needed. Respectful communication between employees during high-pressure situations will help work to be completed more efficiently and safely. Yelling and being disrespectful often result in unnecessary stress, as well as linemen feeling even more rushed and likely to make an error.

Take time to evaluate what you are doing and realize when you are rushing yourself. There are many reasons why an individual may feel like they need to perform work faster. It may come from an external source, such as working during a natural disaster, or it may be created internally by the individual. No matter where the pressure is coming from, too much will result in more exposure to hazards and injuries.