



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Safe Setup of Aerial Devices Safety Message

What environmental factors should electric utility crews consider when setting up aerial devices on a worksite?

Upon arrival at the work location, conduct a site survey to identify potential hazards, evaluate ground conditions and consider the terrain. If installing new poles, call 811 before you dig to locate all underground utilities.

Potential hazards include buildings, ditches, drop-offs, holes, debris, sewers, overhead obstructions, electrical conductors, underground utilities and exposure to traffic.

An aerial device is a tool that – like all tools – must be used and maintained properly. Although it's the responsibility of the employer to ensure each operator is properly trained and qualified to operate the aerial device following the instructions and precautions in the operator's manual, it takes the whole crew to contribute to safe and efficient operations.