

## **Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members**



## Care & Maintenance of Fiberglass Live Line Tools Safety Message

Care and maintenance of live line tooling is just as important as using the correct tool. To ensure worker safety, live line tools need to be regularly inspected, cleaned and maintained.

In the daily use of your hot sticks, precautions should be taken to prevent contamination or moisture build-up. Special precautions should be taken in the handling of hot sticks, and a tarp or tool rack is recommended when using several sticks on one job.

If your hot sticks are reasonably clean and glossy, a daily inspection and thorough wiping of the stick to remove dust and other contaminants is still recommended to maintain the dielectric strength of the tool.