



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Inspection Guide for Insulated Protective Equipment

#### ***What is Insulated Protective Equipment?***

***Includes gloves, sleeves, blankets, mats, covers, line hoses, and tools designed to protect against electrical shock.***

#### Visual Inspection (Before Each Use)

Check for Damage:

Look for cuts, punctures, tears, or abrasions on gloves, sleeves, and blankets.

Inspect for any cracks, holes, or wear on insulating tools or covers.

#### Surface Condition:

Ensure the surface is clean and dry; contaminants like oil, grease, dirt, or moisture can reduce insulating properties.

#### Flexibility and Texture:

Gloves and sleeves should be flexible, not stiff or brittle (which may indicate aging).

Check for sticky or tacky surfaces, signs of chemical degradation.

#### Markings:

Confirm that equipment still has clear manufacturer markings, including voltage ratings and inspection dates.