



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Stop, Assess, Then Troubleshoot

Troubleshooting electrical problems often begins when there is pressure to restore service quickly, but rushing can lead to serious injuries. Before beginning any troubleshooting, conduct a thorough job briefing, identify all potential energy sources, verify the system configuration, establish minimum approach distances, and ensure the proper PPE is being worn. Never assume equipment is de-energized based on customer reports or previous switching. Follow your utility's procedures, verify voltage with an approved tester, and continually reassess hazards as conditions change. A few extra minutes spent planning can prevent a lifetime injury.