



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Hazards Do Not Discriminate Safety Message

here are some questions I want you to consider:

- Who gets cut worse if a rotating chainsaw strikes their unprotected leg – a highly experienced chainsaw operator or someone using a chainsaw for the first time?
- Who gets electrocuted first when touching an energized power line and a ground without rubber gloves – a union or a non-union lineworker?
- Who hits the ground first after a fall from the same elevation – a senior vice president or an entry-level apprentice?

I could go on with an exhaustive list of hazards and demographic differences, but instead I will state with absolute certainty that hazards do not care about experience, age, race, gender, or any other differences among people.

**January 2, 2024 we had another chainsaw injury - Worker was kneeling on one knee operating the saw, saw kicked back and struck his right thigh**

#### Personal Protective Equipment » Leg Protection

**Each employee who operates a chain saw must wear leg protection constructed with cut-resistant material. The leg protection must extend from the upper thigh down to the boot top and adequately cover the leg. [29 CFR 1910.266(d)(1)(iv)]**

**IF YOU'RE ON THE GROUND YOU NEED CHAPS ON!**