## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members





## **Working Safely Around Downed Power Lines**

Electrical hazards multiply for workers involved in cleanup and recovery efforts following major disasters and weather emergencies. Life-threatening danger exists around downed and low-hanging electrical wires which can still be energized following a storm or other disaster.

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INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) — A Hendricks County Sheriff's deputy died late Monday after coming into contact with downed power lines at the scene of a single-vehicle crash.

Hendricks County Sheriff Jack Sadler held a press conference at Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis early Tuesday morning and confirmed the death of Deputy Fred Fislar.

## Be Alert / Stay Safe

Emergency jobs test our commitment to safety. From the moment you receive a call for a potentially dangerous job, every step along the way can test our preparedness. The constraints of an urgent job pressure us in ways that can result in mistakes. In emergencies, cutting corners to save time may mean we miss the warning signs of potential hazards, forget the necessary gear, and find ourselves in harm's way.