



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Four Rules for Zero Contact Safety Message

Let's imagine for a moment that a do-it-yourself customer installed his solar panels and equipment for off-grid use, such as when the power goes out. His installation was not inspected by an electrical inspector nor approved by the utility. While working on downed power lines, lineworkers must protect themselves from this type of incorrect solar installation just as they would from any distributed generation (e.g., an incorrect generator installation).

Lineworkers can protect themselves by always adhering to the four lifesaving rules for zero contact.

1. Use rubber gloves and sleeves.
2. Apply proper insulating material or coverup.
3. Use proper clearance procedures.
4. Test lines de-energized and apply personal grounds.