

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) is comprised of proud union members with a wide diversity of skills and jobs. One of the most progressive unions in existence, the IBEW, represents some 725,000 members in the United States and Canada.

Involved in the leading edge of technology, IBEW utility members from all over the country are involved in maintaining power to homes while battling some of the most adverse weather conditions, to see that people have heat and electricity. In fact, it's almost impossible not to see the results daily of IBEW members at work.

In the Utility Industry, the IBEW represents linemen, ground men, repairmen, machine operators, watch engineers, boiler operators, turbine operators, switchboard operators and dispatchers. And of course there are the radio dispatchers, meter installers, testers, clerical workers, cable splicers and welders all doing their job so that we may have electricity in our homes. The IBEW represents thousands of people in the Gas Industry from clerical workers to the employees involved in the transmission, distribution and maintenance of gas lines for heat and other uses. They provide gas safely to our homes and businesses.

Inside Wiremen install the electrical systems in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. Our members have been trained to read blueprints and to install and service complicated electrical equipment from small voltages to high voltages.

IBEW Communication Workers work behind the scenes to insure that your television is there for you. In a field of continuing changes in technologies, IBEW members stay on top. Cable Television uses thousands of IBEW members in the installation, maintenance and operations of television delivery systems.

If you talked to one of your friends today over the phone, chances are IBEW members were involved in seeing that it was possible. The greatest communication system in the world is no accident. IBEW members have been there from the beginning, erecting poles, stringing lines, and bringing the world into your home. From Ma Bell to the hand held cordless phones, IBEW members have been there doing quality work. Telephone linemen, cable splicers, station installers, plant engineers, draftsmen and all the other IBEW members made it possible for you to place calls to your friends.

Yes, the IBEW is proud. We are proud of our record of achievements, both individually and collectively. But we can't stop until all workers are given a chance to bargain collectively for better wages and better working conditions, without the fear of losing their jobs or the security that they worked so hard for. If you would like to "be union" or to help unionize the place where you work, contact the IBEW at our website www.ibew.org. We can show you how and we can help you. The only qualifications you need are to be interested in making your world a better place to live, having a voice in your own future, and then be willing to do something about it.

