

Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Safety Can Be Redundant Safety Message

Some individuals like to reflect back on the "old days" when it was all about production to protest the ever-increasing emphasis on workplace safety. Over the last few decades, many changes have come into play regarding workplace safety. Whether it is through new technologies, new laws, new rules, or just more focus given to safety, those in the same job for years have experienced a major shift towards more of an emphasis on safety than the years before.

It is understood that safety can be redundant at times, but it needs to be understood that we all need to be reminded to stay focused on working safely. The same old hazards are often the ones that get people injured. OSHA's Focus Four hazards are an example of this. It is known that falls, electrocutions, struck-by, and caught-in or between incidents are the main causes for the overwhelming majority of fatalities i yet it reoccurs year after year.

Do not get complacent with the hazards of your work, and do not view some redundancy in a safety program as a negative.