



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Matted Surfaces Safety Message

Have you ever worked a job that involved matting? If so, were the hazards and risks of matting discussed during the pre-job briefing? We often focus on the electrical hazards of our work sites – and we should – but we fall short if we don't also pay attention to other types of hazards.

Matting by design offers additional support for the work area. Mats are intended to support the weight of the equipment, bridge gaps and protect the ground underneath them. However, mats can become slippery and uneven, have gaps and present other hazards.

A great job briefing is like well-built matting – it is a great foundation for a successful job. If on-site with matting, include the hazards of working on matting in your briefing. Then, discuss as a crew where the work will take place, what additional hazards the matting adds to the work and what controls you can put in place. Matting is an important part of our work when it is used, so make it an important part of your job briefing, too.