



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Dealing with Hazards Safety Message

Every single day we are faced with hazards whether that is walking out of our house in the morning or during the tasks we complete at work. For a workplace to be safe the employees must have the training and knowledge to be able to recognize hazards and take actions to mitigate them. All too often, hazards are recognized or identified, but actions are not taken to eliminate the hazard. When this occurs, the hazard is left to be dealt with by anyone in that work area.

It is impossible to fully eliminate every single hazard we face while at work. That being said, too many hazards are left for employees to have to deal with or workaround instead of addressing them properly.

Do not just **“deal”** with hazards, eliminate them whenever possible. All too often the time or energy is not spent to properly address hazards to make a work area or work task safe. It is true that taking some action is better than none at all, but often it does not take much more time to get the problem fully corrected and addressed to be sure no one will be injured by that hazard.