

## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



## **Doing Work Tasks Wrong the First Time Safety Message**

There is unnecessary exposure to hazards for workers across the country every single day. The list of possible unsafe actions and unsafe conditions employees deal with in their work can be limitless. One scenario that often results in unnecessary exposure to hazards is doing work wrong the first time. Even if a work task is being completed safely, but is being done incorrectly the first time around, whoever has to go back and redo the work will inherently be put at risk for injury just by the mere fact that additional work has to be performed.

## **Reasons Why Work Tasks are Done Incorrectly**

There are many reasons why work is not done correctly the first time or even the second time around. Some reasons to consider:

- \* Insufficient knowledge
- \* Lack of training
- \* Laziness
- \* Complacency
- \* Improper instructions
- \* Change of plans
- \* Wrong materials or tools

## **Avoid Mistakes in Your Work**

It is important to stop work anytime you have questions about the task you are about to complete or in the process of completing when unsure. Doing work incorrectly will result in a loss of production as well as put individuals at unnecessary risk to redo the work. It may not seem like a big deal for small tasks, but even a simple wrong decision can lead to injury.

Realize the impact your decisions have, not only on yourself, but your coworkers as well.