



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

### Four Focus Items for Work Area Inspections Safety Message

Work area inspections are an important basic safe work practice that should be done before beginning a task. In general industry, there are many work areas that remain the same day in and day out. On the other hand, there are areas that we work in that are constantly changing.

No matter if we are in the same work area that does not change much every day or if we work in one that is constantly changing, it is important to do a thorough inspection of it. There are common hazards that affect virtually every workplace in a manufacturing setting. Four focus items to look at today before beginning work are condition of tools, organization of work areas, trip hazards, and hand hazards.

1. Tool condition
2. Organization of work area
3. Trip hazards
4. Hand hazards

These four focus items are just a small list of possible items you should pay attention to when identifying and mitigating hazards during a work area inspection. Pay attention to these four focus items specifically today. It is often what we consider small things or small hazards that cause the majority of injuries. Avoid complacency when it comes to addressing any hazard in your work areas.

**Discussion point:** What is another example of a common type of hazard in our workplace we should look for during a work area inspection?