



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

### Unloading Equipment Safety Message

Every day an untold amount of loads of various materials, tools, equipment, etc. are transported and offloaded all around the world. While the task of taking a load off of a trailer is usually a straightforward process, there are many things to consider. Just like any other task, there needs to be proper pre-planning to ensure a safe and efficient process.

There are many things that need to be considered before load just shows up on the site. Proper pre-planning and communication to all those involved in the task is critical to ensure the process of receiving loads at the job site goes smoothly. Two major things to consider:

- \* The load itself- What is exactly showing up on each trailer and how is it loaded?
- \* Driver expectations- Do the drivers of the trucks being unloaded understand what is expected of them?

### Summary

Unloading materials, tools, and equipment from a truck or trailer may seem like a straightforward process at face value, but there are many things to consider. Proper pre-planning is a critical best practice in preventing incidents during this type of work task. Evaluate how you are currently unloading trailers and see what improvements can be made to make the task safer and go more efficiently.

**Discussion point:** How can we mitigate some of these hazards?

