



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Importance of Proper Radio Communication Safety Message

Radios are used in many different types of workplaces. They serve as an important tool and safeguard for individuals at a worksite. Radios allow for communication across long distances which can help ensure that work tasks are completed safely and efficiently. It is important to use these communication tools correctly in order to allow for messages to get across to the workers who need to receive them.

Tips for Using Radios to Communicate on the Job

1. Never use radios to joke around. The more unnecessary chatter on the radio, the less likely someone else is able to get through with an important message.
2. Be clear when you speak.
3. Confirm any messages received. A simple 10-4 or okay can do, but if it is for a critical task or you were unsure of the message, repeat it back to the sender. **3 Way Communication** repeating and confirming a message can help ensure that mistakes will not be made due to unclear communication. Never guess on the directions someone gave over the radio.

Summary

Communication is critical to the safety of everyone at a worksite. Radios play an important part at many worksites for workers to be able to properly communicate with one another. Consider the above tips for proper radio communication and how it can be improved at your worksite.

Discussion point: Are we using our radios properly?