



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

Carelessness Safety Message

Have you ever done anything that wasn't really smart? Something that you know put you at increased risk of injury? When you realized what you did, whether you were hurt or not, did you ask yourself, "Why did I ever do that?" For your own self-preservation, this should be a very important question for you to answer yourself.



Consider the fact that approximately 20 percent of injuries are due to unsafe conditions and 80 percent are caused by unsafe acts. If you realize that most unsafe conditions are brought about by human failure, then virtually all accidents/mishaps are brought about by unsafe acts. Why did you do something in an unsafe manner? To answer this question, you will need to put personal defenses aside and know that blame may lie within yourself. Also realize that there may be more than one reason for your actions and others may be involved.

If you knew the proper, safe way to do the job, then you cannot claim ignorance. What is left, whether you like it or not, is carelessness.

So what can cause you to temporarily disregard your own safety?

CARELESSNESS CONTINUES TO BE THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF MOST ON THE JOB ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES