



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### One Decision Safety Message

A large number of companies set goals for safety in their workplaces. For many companies, the goal is to have their first-ever zero-injury year; for other companies, it is to finish the year out with no injuries so they can celebrate their fifth-year injury-free. No matter what the goal is, the truth is that it takes careful preparation, commitment, and major effort to achieve an injury-free workplace over time. Because so much of achieving safety depends on the decisions made by the employees, even the most careful worker can create risk through a single poor choice made.

#### Issues that Can Lead to Poor Decision Making

Humans are flawed, and so is our decision-making process, even on a good day. There is an endless list of issues, challenges, or reasons that can cause any of us not to make the correct choice at a given moment. Here are some common issues individuals can be dealing with that can negatively impact decision-making:

- Complacency
- Overconfidence
- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of focus
- Time pressures
- Fatigue
- Illness

The list goes on and on and on !

While it is true that one poor decision can result in a serious injury, the same can be said for working safely. To sustain an injury-free workplace over time, it takes one decision at a time to complete work safely. Focus on the task at hand and what actions need to be taken to ensure it can be done the correct way.