



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Stopping Work Safety Message

When there are hazards present or some other issue that interferes with being able to perform a work task safely, then it is important to feel comfortable to stop the work until it is safe to continue.

Reasons to Stop Work

- * To protect yourself and your fellow coworkers
- * To protect property or equipment from damage or loss
- * To protect the Utility

Situations Where Stopping Work is Necessary

- * When there is an unaddressed hazard.
- * When the correct personnel are not a part of the task. For example- a company policy states that a spotter is needed while working on an aerial lift, and the spotter needs to leave the area. You need to stop work until the spotter returns.
- * When you do not have the right tool or equipment for the job. Using tools not designed for the task can lead to an incident.
- * When you do not understand the work task or procedures. Stop and get clarification for the task.
- * When you do not have the correct knowledge or training to do a task safely.

Discussion points:

- What are some situations that could come up in your work today where stopping work is necessary?
- Do you feel comfortable stopping work? Why or why not?