



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



The Significance of Critical Steps at the Work Site Safety Message

A “critical step” is an action that can trigger immediate, irreversible harm to people and assets if it is improperly performed. Such a step occurs in our industry whenever an action involves a substantial transfer of energy, movement of weight, or transference of something else that could cause or result in harm to a person or asset.

Well, detecting the difference between routine steps versus critical steps works similarly to detecting anomalies at the work site. A step can be routine, but a routine step can also become a critical step. For instance, how about wearing your seat belt? That’s an important routine step you take whenever you get inside a vehicle, right? But if you end up crashing your vehicle into a tree during your drive, fastening your seat belt before starting the engine just became the most critical step you’ve taken recently.