

Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Five Basic General Industry Safety Rules Message

- **1. Keep work areas clean.** Proper housekeeping alone can go a long way in preventing injuries. Injuries such as slips, trips, falls, lacerations, sprains, strains, etc., can be reduced by keeping work areas organized and clean.
- 2. Use the proper tool for the job. Avoid the first impulse to use whatever tool (or object) is around you to get a work task done.
- **3. Always wear the proper PPE for the work task.** The lack of PPE, or the use of improper PPE, leads to many injuries in the workplace.
- **4. Communicate hazards to other personnel**. Never assume that a coworker understands the hazards of a task, especially if they are new or new to the task.
- **5. Stop work when needed to address hazards.** Always stop work to take the time to get hazards addressed to make it safe to continue the task. Whether you need to involve other personnel, such as a supervisor, or you need to take time to get the right tool for the job, always take the time to do so.

Discussion points:

What is the most important rule listed in this talk?
What are other basic safety rules that need to be followed here?