

Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members





Hand Protection Safety Message

Hand protection is one the most important parts of our body when it comes to doing our work. They're involved in almost everything we do. Yet many of the things we do with our hands are done without any deliberate thought. Your hands have no fear. They'll go anyplace they're sent and they only act as wisely as the person they belong to; so before you use your hands think of their safekeeping.

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