



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

### **Making Assumptions About Safeguards Safety Message**

Dictionary.com defines an assumption as "taking something for granted". Making assumptions is never a good thing to do. This is especially true when dealing with workplace safety. There are a lot of moving parts in almost every work task let alone in an entire workplace at any given moment. If workers are making assumptions that safeguards are in place during their work not only are they at risk for injury but everyone in the work area could be.

### **Why Assumptions in the Workplace Are Dangerous**

There are many reasons why workers may make assumptions about their work and the safeguards that mitigate the hazards that can harm them. Anything from time pressures to plain old laziness can lead a worker to making an assumption that a safeguard was put into place.

**The problem is, when it is assumed a certain safe action is taken and it actually wasn't, someone can easily be injured.**

### **Discussion points:**

1. Has anyone experienced a negative consequence from making an assumption at work?
2. What is another example of how making an assumption here on our site could lead to an injury?