



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Communicating Issues Safety Message

Effective communication is critical to every aspect of a successful job. Being able to work safely especially relies on effective communication between everyone involved in a work task or on a job. Effective communication requires having honest conversations, which includes bringing up and discussing issues as they arise.

### Examples of Scenarios When You Should Speak Up

There are an endless amount of possible scenarios of when you should speak up and have an honest conversation to address an issue. Below are some general examples of when you need to stop and communicate an issue to get it resolved prior to continuing on.

- \* When you see someone working unsafe.
- \* When you do not have the proper training or knowledge to do the task at hand.
- \* When you do not have the right tools or personnel to complete the task correctly.
- \* When a safeguard is not implemented.
- \* When a hazard is present that could injure you or others.

One of the most difficult things to do on the job at times is to have honest conversations. These conversations can be uncomfortable. That being said, honest conversations about issues as they arise are critical to being able to work safely. Issues that result in individuals being at risk for injury are everyone's problem, not just the worker who is put at risk to be injured.