



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

Preventing Equipment Damage Incidents Safety Message

The goal of operating safely is first to protect life and secondary is to protect property. The utility industry can not only be hazardous to workers, but equipment damage incidents can be frequent and costly. Anytime there is equipment damage not only is there an associated cost, but there is also the chance for injury for the operators or ground personnel in the area.

Causes of Equipment Damage

There is a multitude of ways and reasons why heavy equipment is damaged on a work site. While wear and tear is normal over time, many of the incidents are fully preventable. Consider the best practices below to prevent damage to equipment at your worksite.

Best Practices to Prevent Equipment Damage

- * Operate heavy equipment within its design limits.
- * Don't act without giving careful thought.
- * Involve the right personnel.

Think about the equipment damage events you have experienced on this job or on past jobs. What was similar about each incident? What could have been done differently to prevent it? What situations may arise here that could result in damage to heavy equipment?

