



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

### Seek Lessons Safety Message

When accidents occur, individuals will often blame the cause on the person injured and leave it at that. Looking to place blame following a workplace accident is not productive. Nor is settling to accept the age-old excuse of "accidents happen." It is true that it can be challenging to prevent every single accident from occurring, but that does not mean that lessons cannot be learned when they do occur.

### Seeking Lessons Following an Incident

While the decisions and actions of individuals can lead to incidents occurring, there are always other contributing factors. There are always more contributing factors to any event that occurs than meets the eye. This is especially true regarding workplace injuries. Disregard the first impulse to assume why something happened or to place blame. Lessons can be learned that not only prevent that specific type of injury from occurring again, but safeguards can be implemented throughout an organization that makes a positive impact over the long-term.

### Discussion Point:

1. Do we do an adequate job here in evaluating why an accident occurred?

