



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### How Observant Are You- The Dollar Bill Exercise Safety Message

We live in fast times- both at home and at work. With everything going on around us, between stressors and the distractions of our environments, it is easy to glance over the small details. When we miss the small details at work, we begin to lose focus on addressing hazards that can lead to injuries. A quick exercise can demonstrate how easy it is to lose sight of the small details.

#### Dollar Bill Exercise

We have all handled dollar bills throughout life, more than likely, you have one in your pocket now. Without pulling one out, give me some details of a one-dollar bill.

Most people will probably name 6 to 8 things about a dollar bill, but there's an endless amount of features on a dollar bill. If you want to have a longer discussion, refer to the information in this article <http://www.onedollarbill.org/decoding.html>.

So what does this exercise tell us about observations and glancing over the small details? Just like a dollar bill, we see our work areas every day. What details are we not paying attention to? What hazards are we either missing or being complacent with? What details or information are we missing in our work procedures?

**The honest answer is:** probably more than we want to admit.