



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Tips For Using Outrigger Pads Safety Message

- Setup: Proper setup and leveling are critical to the appropriate function of any style of outrigger system.
- Soil Level: If possible, operators should verify the soil condition of the work area beforehand, this allows them to find out the ground-bearing capacity so they can determine which outrigger pad is adequate.

OSHA requirements: OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1402, "Ground conditions," states the following in paragraph 1926.1402(b): "The equipment must not be assembled or used unless ground conditions are firm, drained, and graded to a sufficient extent so that, in conjunction (if necessary) with the use of supporting materials, the equipment manufacturer's specifications for adequate support. and degree of level of the equipment are met.

- **Bridge Requirements: Outrigger pads must not be used to bridge any gaps or span any voids.**
- Lift capacity: Operators must know the lift capacity of the equipment and be able to understand how to follow the load chart. This includes accounting for the load being lifted and the rigging being used to lift the load.