



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Fatal Laceration Safety Message

When we think of fatal injuries we typically think of crushing events, falls, electrocutions and the like. How about a laceration? Yes those can be fatal also:

Atlanta

A federal agency is investigating the death of a worker at a Savannah recycling plant, who died after a chain of events that began with a cut to his hand.

Authorities say the worker died Tuesday after a Sunday accident at a Metals Recycling's plant. 26-year-old male cut his hand while stripping insulation from wire at the plant, he then fainted at the sight of the blood, hit his head on concrete and was taken to a hospital.

Although not an everyday occurrence, we must understand that these types of escalations are a real possibility. Even the slightest injury can escalate. Things like infection are perhaps the biggest potential complication that can occur from a cut. Although typically not fatal, failure to clean and dress even the most minor lacerations can lead to infections that may indeed become life threatening.

The key to this topic is to treat each and every injury as one that could escalate beyond the first look. If you are a first responder take all the precautions necessary to ensure that the injury isn't escalated.