



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



New Equipment Safety Message

Every single day, new technologies and equipment are being introduced into the marketplace. These technologies and equipment eventually make it to our workplaces. It is important to thoroughly understand these new tools before beginning work. Often new tasks and equipment are a source of injury on the job.

Depending on how complex the task or piece of equipment that you are going to use will dictate what will need to be addressed before it is put into service. Here we will only discuss a few basic guidelines of what needs to happen before a new piece of equipment or process is put into place.

1. Involve a subject matter expert (SME).
2. Review all the relevant paperwork for the piece of equipment.
3. Ensure that all of the other necessary resources are in place to operate the equipment safely.

There are almost always secondary considerations that are not thought of when bringing in new equipment. Creating a thorough process for bringing in new equipment is a proactive approach that benefits everyone involved in many ways. The proper process will not only help to ensure injuries are prevented, but can also help to avoid costly mistakes from an operational standpoint.