



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Struck-by Objects or Equipment Safety Message

The struck-by object or equipment incidence rate was 11.9 per 100,000 full-time workers, according to the BLS, making them a leading cause of deaths. According to OSHA, roughly 75 percent of struck-by fatalities involve heavy equipment. Most struck-by job accidents are caused by vehicles, falling or flying objects, and risks from constructing masonry walls.

Every worksite should be evaluated to prevent specific hazards, but there are also several general measures that should always be taken.

1. Work zones should be configured to properly warn workers and equipment operators.
2. Flaggers, barricades, and signs should be used to guide construction.
3. Signal personnel should use clear signals to communicate with operators.
4. Barricades must be used to separate workers from vehicles, heavy equipment, and falling objects.