



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



OSHA Focus Four Safety Message

OSHA has identified four hazards that are responsible for the majority of losses. What OSHA calls the “Focus Four Hazards” are Fall Hazards, Caught-In-Between Hazards, Struck-By Hazards and Electrical Hazards.

Fall Hazards

Anything that could cause a worker to lose balance and result in a fall is considered a fall hazard. Falls continue to be a leading cause of injury and death within the workplace. Examples of fall hazards include unprotected roof edges, roof and floor openings, improper scaffold construction, unsafe ladders and even poor housekeeping. Workers must recognize and avoid fall hazards by following safe work procedures and wearing the appropriate PPE, including safety footwear.

Caught-in or -Between Hazards

A caught-in or -between hazard occurs when a person becomes caught, squeezed, crushed, pinched, or compressed between two or more objects or parts of an object. Unguarded moving machinery, unprotected excavations and trenches, working between moving materials and immovable structures, vehicles or equipment contribute to caught-in-between hazards. Workers must identify these hazards and avoid them while on the job.

Struck-by Hazards

Struck-by hazards exist when a worker can be injured by contact or impact by an object or piece of equipment. A struck-by injury is when the impact alone causes the injury. A struck-by hazard can be any flying, falling, swinging or rolling object such as tools falling from an elevated work station, inadequate rigging causing a load to be dropped and vehicular traffic.

Electrical Hazards

Electrocution occurs when a person is exposed to a lethal amount of electrical energy. Electric shock occurs upon contact of a body part with any source of electricity that causes a flow of current through the skin, muscles, or hair.