Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members





Safety Message: Staying Safe During Non-Routine Tasks

In many workplaces, we often perform the same tasks week after week. These routine tasks can become second nature over time. However, there are also times when we are asked to take on non-routine work—tasks that occur infrequently, arise unexpectedly, or involve helping another team.

Understanding Non-Routine Task Hazards

Non-routine tasks come with unique risks. Since they are not part of our regular responsibilities, we may be less familiar with the safest way to complete them. Whether it's a task done only a few times a year or stepping in to assist another group, it's critical to pause and assess the potential hazards involved.

Routine Tasks and the Risk of Complacency

On the flip side, performing the same tasks every day can lead to complacency. When a job becomes repetitive, it's easy to fall into the trap of cutting corners or skipping safety steps. Unfortunately, this complacency can lead to serious incidents, especially if safety protocols are overlooked.

Discussion Points:

What are some examples of non-routine tasks on this worksite?
What steps can we take to ensure safety when performing tasks that are not part of our usual routine?