



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



New Equipment Safety Message

As technology continues to advance, new tools and equipment are constantly entering the marketplace—and eventually, our workplaces. While these innovations can improve efficiency and productivity, it's essential to fully understand how to use them safely before putting them into operation. New tasks and unfamiliar equipment are often linked to workplace injuries.

Before Using New Equipment

- The level of preparation required depends on the complexity of the task or equipment. To ensure safe and effective use, consider the following steps: Consult a Subject Matter Expert (SME): This could be a representative from the equipment supplier, a knowledgeable employee within your company, or an external consultant. Their expertise is critical for safe implementation.
- Review All Documentation: Make sure to go through the operator's manual, safety guidelines, technical data sheets, and any other relevant documents. Everyone involved should understand the equipment and its risks.
- Confirm Supporting Resources: Ensure that all necessary tools, safety gear, training, and personnel are available and in place before the equipment is used.

Summary

Introducing new equipment often brings unforeseen risks and challenges. Developing a detailed and structured process for implementing new tools is a proactive step that benefits everyone. It not only helps prevent injuries but also reduces the likelihood of costly errors and downtime.