



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

Proactive Versus Reactive Safety Approach Safety Message

Many of the safety rules and procedures that are in place were “written in blood,” meaning they came about from a previous incident that caused an injury, property loss incident, or fatality. When we implement a safeguard after an incident occurs, we are taking a reactive approach to safety.

We can look at the majority of rules and procedures that we follow today as a proactive approach toward safety; however, many of them came from a reactive position. Something bad had to happen first before many of the rules and procedures were put into place.

Being proactive is the best way to approach safety in the workplace. Addressing and eliminating hazards before work begins should be a main goal of a company’s safety program.

