



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Recognize Unsafe Conditions & Unsafe Acts Safety Message

An “**Unsafe Condition**” is anything at the workplace that is likely to cause property damage or injury. Unsafe conditions exist all around us. Simply driving a car puts each one of us in a condition where we are vulnerable to accidents. We are surrounded by hazards that could cause harm, but most of the time we safely negotiate these hazards and arrive at our destination safely. The same is true of unsafe conditions at the workplace.

An “**Unsafe Act**” is any action taken during the performance of a task or other activity that is conducted in a manner that may threaten the health and/or safety of yourself or other workers. Unsafe acts are more difficult to recognize and correct because they involve human factors.

They are linked to our behavior

For example, driving in the snow creates an unsafe condition to drive in, but that hazard is magnified when someone drives in the snow without slowing down or maintaining safe distances.

These acts make the unsafe condition even worse. Unsafe acts are not tied to a worker’s skill level. Some of the most skilled employees might actually display some of the dangerous behaviors. In fact, some studies have shown that the more skilled a worker becomes, the more likely they are to develop unsafe habits.

Make sure, especially when life gets busy and hectic, that you take the time to check your conditions and actions, ensuring a safer workplace for you and your coworkers.