



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Playing the Lottery and Workplace Injuries Safety Message

People often overestimate the good things that will occur to them over time and dismiss many of the possible negative outcome's life can dish out. Many people have the mindset of "it won't happen to me" when it comes to being injured, whether that is at home or at work.

Odds of Winning the Lottery

Most employees go to work every day thinking an injury will never happen to them. Many of these same people play the lottery from time to time when they stop at the local gas station. We do not play the lottery because we think we are going to waste those dollars trying, we play because after all, there is a chance to win right? If you buy one ticket for the Powerball, you have a 1 in 292,201,338 chance to win. Even if you played the Powerball every week for a lifetime, the odds of winning are still extremely slim.

So, if we play the lottery thinking we have the possibility to win then why do so many employees think an injury at work will never occur?

Summary

As humans, we tend to overestimate the chance of good things happening to us and downplay bad things occurring in our life. While having a positive attitude and outlook on life is important, it is also important to not put blinders on you while dealing with the hazards of your work.