



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Knowing What to Do in an Emergency Safety Message

When dealing with workplace safety, most of the focus is given to preventing injuries and incidents. While being proactive in preventing negative events from occurring is critical to an effective safety program, time also needs to be spent discussing what to do in different emergency situations if one does occur. No one wants to think of something bad happening at work, but when it does occur, you need to be prepared for it.

Common Emergencies in the Workplace

There are many different kinds of emergency situations that can occur in a workplace. Depending on factors such as the work being performed, workplace setup, the geographical area the business is located in, etc., will impact what kind of emergencies could occur. Some common types of emergency situations that should be considered when discussing emergency response:

- Medical emergencies such as heart attack or stroke
- Caught-in or between moving equipment
- Electrical-related incidents
- Fires
- Weather-related disasters

Knowing what to do in an emergency is just as important as knowing how to prevent them from happening in the first place. All too often, bad situations are made worse when individuals are ill-prepared for the bad things that can happen- whether that is at work or home. Take company policies and procedures regarding emergency response seriously. Keeping calm and knowing how to respond to an emergency may save your life or those around you one day.