



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Protect the Worker Safety Message

Given the predictable nature of hazards, how and why do incidents occur? Think about this: If I know the winning numbers ahead of a lottery drawing, it's simple for me to be 100% successful at winning the lottery money. So, if we know how hazards are going to act and how they cause harm, why aren't we 100% successful at safety? It's because we don't fully grasp and utilize the Art of Safety, or how and why you must understand, lead, develop and protect people.

### Stop Settling

One of the biggest problems with safety is that we settle. We settle for compliance. We settle for whatever tools and equipment are most readily available. We settle for work practices based on the way we've always done them.

To illustrate this point, I want you to answer the following question honestly: Have you ever conducted or evaluated a job briefing based entirely on the form?

You might have. It's not uncommon. I'm aware of instances in which a crew leader filled out the job briefing in his truck, handed it out, and then instructed his crew members to read and sign it. Everyone complied with zero discussion, and then a supervisor showed up a few hours later, asked for the briefing and complimented the crew leader for doing a fantastic job with it.

Did they really do a fantastic job?