



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Why Safety Shortcuts are Dangerous Safety Message

There are many safety rules that are well-known due to the severe consequences that can result if not followed. Unfortunately, employees can become complacent due to working around common hazards and choose to take shortcuts when it comes to safety. Inexperience can also lead employees to take safety shortcuts.

There are many reasons why an employee may choose not to follow safety rules. As stated, complacency is a significant contributor to employees taking shortcuts. Other reasons include the company's culture may promote taking these risks, an employee may feel a sense of urgency, or they may rationalize that nothing bad will happen if they take the risk.

Four Common Safety Shortcuts

Below are four common safety shortcuts that can result in severe injuries or death.

Shortcut #1: Not Wearing Personal Protective Equipment

Shortcut #2: Working at Heights without Safeguards in Place

Shortcut #3: Working on Energized Equipment (in our industry, working on energized equipment is common place; however, is has to be done correctly. **Shortcut #1 leads to 70% of the accidents in our industry. UNACCEPTABLE!**)

Shortcut #4: Being in the Line of Fire

Summary

The above common safety shortcuts are just a few of a possible many. If employees followed the proper safety protocols related to just the shortcuts above, there would be much fewer injuries and fatalities in the workplace.