



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Situational awareness is an on-the-job safety skill that is critical for hazard identification, effective decision making, and accident prevention.

Situational Awareness means paying attention and being aware of what's going on around you. No matter what your role is at work, situational awareness is an important key to keeping everyone safe.

Situational awareness involves three elements which are observation, comprehension, and anticipation.

- *You observe what is happening around you and take in all the elements of your environment.*
- *You comprehend the situation you are experiencing.*
- *You anticipate what is likely to occur next based on what you understand to be happening now.*

Think about some specific examples of what situational awareness may look like on the job...

Not walking into the "line of fire" when other workers nearby are using tools or equipment.

Noticing that a co-worker forgot to put on PPE or missed a safety step and speaking up to ensure they follow the correct procedure.

Stopping a task to make adjustments that will get the job done safe and efficiently.

Correcting hazards on the spot if you notice something that can be fixed immediately.

Reporting hazard observations and near miss incidents to management.