



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### What Do I Not Know? Safety Message

There are many questions we need to ask ourselves on the job to ensure we are completing work in a safe manner. With work conditions constantly changing and new hazards being introduced into the workplace, it is extremely important to have a questioning attitude while at work.

A questioning attitude when it comes to safety is asking yourself what can go wrong and what you can do to prevent injuries or property damage incidents on the job. By having a questioning attitude, you are less likely to fall victim to an injury due to complacency or overconfidence.

An example of a powerful question that you can be asking yourself at work is: "What do I not know?"

### Why the Question "What Do I Not Know" is Powerful

By approaching your work with the mindset of asking "What do I not know?" you are opening yourself to being able to continually learn. Having the mindset that you can learn more about the work allows you to seek new information that may help you complete the task in a safer or more efficient way. Those workers who purposely guard their viewpoints, opinions, and thought process about how to do their work will not be receptive to new information that could help them.

### Learning from Others

When individuals approach their work not expecting to know everything single thing about the task or the best way to complete a work task, they are more likely to listen to feedback and input from coworkers. No matter how much experience a worker has with a certain task there can always be something new that another individual teaches them about their work. Being receptive to the input of those around you at work is critical to being able to continue to learn, and in the process, work safe as a team.