



### **Maintain a “Questioning Attitude” Safety Message**

At work, we face many different hazards daily. Even with proper preplanning and taking the time to implement safeguards while completing our work, there are plenty of times when conditions change. When conditions change, new hazards are presented and need to be addressed. To help deal with changing conditions it is important to always keep a “*questioning attitude*” when it comes to safety on the job.

### **What is a Questioning Attitude?**

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. Two major factors that can impact a person being able to have a questioning attitude are complacency and lack of knowledge.

**Complacency** often sets in due to workers completing the same work tasks over and over. Less experienced workers can be complacent as well, but the complacency these workers face often stems from a lack of knowledge or experience.

**Lack of knowledge** is just as dangerous as complacency if not more dangerous. When a worker does not have the knowledge or experience to be able to recognize hazards or what to do if hazards are uncontrolled, then they are at risk for injury.

### **Summary**

Maintaining a questioning attitude is important to remain safe on the job. Always ask yourself questions about the work itself, what the risks are, what is the worst-case scenario, why you do work tasks a certain way, etc.

### **Discussion points:**

1. What is more dangerous- a lack of knowledge or complacency? Why?
2. What are some questions you should be asking yourself for a common work task you do here?