



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Little Things Matter Safety Message

When planning work tasks for the day and addressing hazards it is easy to get caught up on the big hazards. We focus on risks such as falls from heights and electrocution. While these hazards need to be taken seriously and be properly mitigated, the bigger hazards can be responsible for taking almost all of the attention from the “little things”.

### Defining the Little Things

When we say “the little things” we are referring to hazards such as a cord on the ground, a screw sticking out of a board, a slippery rung on the bottom of the ladder. These little issues can still pose a great risk for injury to the employees working around them if they are not recognized and corrected. The problem is, we get used to seeing some of these little things around the worksite, especially if there are bigger hazards at hand.

The “**little things**” are the big things. While the big hazards need to be properly mitigated, we need to not lose focus on the small hazards. There is a much greater chance of a small hazard causing an injury or incident before a larger hazard causes a serious injury or a fatality.

### Discussion point:

- Can you think of anything we may be considering a small hazard or a hazard we are walking past on our job sites?