

What If? Mentality

A **“What If?” mentality** is looking at any scene or situation and thinking about what could happen based on your observations.

A “What If?” mentality can help you **prevent near-misses and serious incidents** by recognizing dangers and predicting how safe conditions and behaviors can improve safety.

Use EVERYTHING you see when you are observing and think ahead to what could go wrong.

You can even apply “What If?” thinking without people or equipment present.

A “What If?” mentality isn’t always about spotting problems that you need to correct; it can also be about spotting problems that people have already addressed.