

Risk Insights

Advice for you and your business

Good housekeeping on construction sites



Avoid common workplace accidents on construction sites with the help of a clean housekeeping program

Effective housekeeping keeps construction sites safe for everyone working on the premises. When done correctly and regularly, it reduces accidents caused by hidden hazards, limits injuries and improves the overall safety performance on your site.

Here's a list of helpful housekeeping tips:

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Keep your space spick and span

- Provide safe access by keeping stairways, passageways and gangways free of materials, supplies and obstructions.
- Pick up and place all debris or trash in its proper container.
- Hammer in, bend, or remove any nails protruding from scrap lumber. Cap or bend all exposed steel rebar ends.
- Store any unused items in their proper place.
- Keep lavatory and toilet facilities clean, sanitary and stocked.

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Take out the trash

- Place marked trash and recyclable containers throughout the job site.
- Keep waste in metal cans or bins with self-closing covers to avoid spills. Remove debris at regular intervals.

- Use chutes or other approved devices for waste removal.
- Dispose of scrap, waste, recyclable and surplus materials in accordance with Federal regulations and local codes.
- Never dispose of any waste into storm or sanitary sewers.
- Lock used oil containers and dumpsters and secure them from unwanted waste.
- Regularly schedule safe collection and removal of combustible waste.

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