

Housekeeping Safety Tips



Good housekeeping practices keep workers safe and prevent costly injuries. From ensuring materials are properly stored away from walkways to organizing tools after each task is completed, effective housekeeping greatly reduces hazards on the job site.

- General places of employment, passageways, storerooms, and service rooms shall be kept clean and orderly.
- Adequate aisles and passageways must be maintained in all work areas.
- Welding hoses and electric conductors must be elevated over or placed under the walkway or working surfaces or be covered by adequate crossover planks.
- All immediate working areas must be kept reasonably free of debris.
- Construction materials and supplies must be stacked so as not to present a hazard to workers.
- Slippery conditions must be eliminated as they occur.
- Means of egress must be maintained at all times to all exits and all fire-alarm boxes or fire-extinguishing equipment.
- When not used, oils, paint thinners, solvents, waste, rags, or other flammable substances must be kept in fire-resistant covered containers.
- Restrooms must be maintained in a neat and sanitary condition.
- Break rooms and lunch rooms must be neat and sanitary.

OSHA Compliance Information

- 1910.22 - General Requirements
- 1915.91 - Housekeeping
- 1917.11 - Housekeeping
- 1918.91 - Housekeeping

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