

# HOUSEKEEPING



## Jobsite Housekeeping

Companies that hold general housekeeping of work areas to a high standard usually have a better safety culture than those that do not. Poor housekeeping promotes inefficiency as well as leads to injuries and property loss.

Poor housekeeping leads to:

- ✓ Slip, trip, and fall injuries
- ✓ Property damage incidents involving moving equipment or vehicles
- ✓ Caught in/between injuries
- ✓ Sprains/strains due to unnecessary lifting and handling of objects that are in the way
- ✓ Littering, environmental concerns
- ✓ Improve productivity

Ways to improve the general housekeeping in our work areas:

1. Create lay-down yards for equipment and tools.
2. Have adequate number and placement of trash containers
3. Coordinate emptying of trash cans and dumpsters to prevent over filling.
4. Designate walking areas or paths for employees in the work area and keep equipment and objects out of that path.
5. Designate parking areas within specific work areas to avoid clutter and vehicles or equipment striking objects.
6. Barricade or place orange fencing around objects or areas where equipment, vehicles or people should not be. This also helps control points of access into work areas.

### Summary

Paying attention to the small details translates to bigger changes in OUR safety culture. Not only does good housekeeping help to lower property loss incidents as well as injuries, but it also shows the maturity of a safety culture within a company.

What's something you and your team can do This Morning to improve the housekeeping on your site?