

Construction Risk Advisor

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The Importance of Good House Keeping Practices at Job Sites

Maintaining a well-kept job site is crucial for increasing productivity and reducing a variety of safety hazards. To ensure you are providing safe working conditions for you and your employees, try implementing the following good housekeeping practices at your next job:

- Implement a routine cleaning schedule. Depending on the work, it might be daily or, for more extensive cleanups, weekly.
- Keep walking and working surfaces clear and free of debris. Encourage employees to clean as they work.
- Provide adequate lighting throughout job sites to help identify hazards that must be addressed.
- Distribute recycling and garbage bins throughout the job site to promote consistent disposal of debris.
- Use chutes or other devices to dispose of debris from any level of the project—do not allow debris to fall freely.
- Remove or bend any protruding nails or steel rebar ends.
- Keep extension cords, hoses and similar equipment out of walkways. Elevate exposed cords or place plywood or timber over them to reduce trip hazards.
- Store equipment outside of high-traffic work areas when it is not in use.
- Mark, seal and store any containers containing flammable or explosive materials away from all other supplies. Make sure all storage areas have proper ventilation.

By performing these good housekeeping practices, you and your crew can greatly reduce the risk of injury at your construction site. Contact Hierl Insurance Inc. for more information about good housekeeping practices and other safety materials for your business.

Mark your calendars—Oct. 15, 2019

is the last day to provide any new information regarding Table 1 of OSHA's Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction.



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