

## Housekeeping

## Good housekeeping is one of the first rules of accident prevention.

Poor housekeeping often results in unsafe conditions and also implies that the project is poorly managed and the work being done lacks professionalism. Frequently accidents and injuries charged to other causes are actually caused by unsafe conditions due to poor housekeeping.

All crew members should be responsible for house keeping where they are working. Tools that haven't been put away after use, and materials that are lying around become trip hazards. Scrap should be disposed of promptly. The longer it sits the bigger the clean up task becomes, and the bigger the hazard.

We can have clean, easy to navigate, accident free jobs if everyone commits to a clean worksite. Good housekeeping requires continuous effort and attention to make certain the entire job, as well as the work area is kept clean and hazard free. It is up to all of us.

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Housekeeping starts at the beginning of the shift and needs to continue throughout the entire workday. Don't let scrap materials build up; dispose of them daily.

Another common housekeeping problem arises with the use of welding leads, air compressor hoses, and extension cords. If placed improperly they become tripping hazards. **Keep walkways free for passage.** 

When stripping forms remember to pull the nails out or bend them over. A protruding nail can cause a nasty puncture wound.

## **Points To Take With You:**

- Remember, good housekeeping promotes safety, makes the task more efficient, and just makes good sense.
- ✓ Do your part by keeping your work area clean and orderly.
- ✓ Good house keeping will make your job a safer job.

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