



HOUSEKEEPING

The construction (health, safety, and welfare) regulations require that sites be maintained in good order. Poor housekeeping is a common, but easily preventable cause of accidents.

- There should be a place for everything, and everything should be in store.
- Do not rely on others to clean up – they won't.
- Put tools away when they are not in use. It reduces a trip hazard it will keep all safe.
- If working with oils/lubricants, then have some means of cleaning up any spillages at hand.
- Suspend power/ light cables where applicable. Where not practicable avoid trailing them across walkways if possible.
- Remove all nails from dismantled/unused timber and where not possible, hammer them flat.
- Stack both stores and waste neatly. Ensure that walkways/ escape routes are not obstructed.
- Clean up waste as it is created. Small waste can be bagged, large waste stacked and then skipped as soon as is practicable.
- Use racks when storing lengths of pipe or timber. Where pallets are used then do not stack too high.
- If working at height then loose objects must not be left on walkways, platforms etc, where they could fall and injure persons below.
- Beware of muddy sights – these will greatly increase risk of slips.
- Keep footwear as clean as reasonably practicable ensure loose mud is removed prior to climbing ladders, etc.
- Try and allocate a set period each day to general housekeeping (possibly at the end of the day).

**IF YOU THINK AND ACT SAFELY, THE NEXT LIFE YOU SAVE
COULD BE YOURS!**