

Talk No. 2 - Housekeeping

Reason for Talk

Poor housekeeping is a common , but easily preventable , cause of accidents and it is the responsibility of every worker on the job to keep his work area clean and organised.

Main Points

Company Policy

Presenter to outline company policy – this may include:

- ◆ Housekeeping is an important issue on our sites because as well as for safety purposes, a tidy job reflects the workmanship on the project.
- ◆ Each individual / sub contractor is responsible for the removal of debris and keeping their area of work clean.
- ◆ Look after your own area – clean as you go – do not leave hazards which place you or your workmates at risk.

Presenter should outline the provisions made on the site for rubbish removal etc.

Slip / Trip & Fall Hazards

- ◆ A minimum of 600mm is required on all working platforms.
- ◆ Keep all cables, hoses etc. away from walkways.
- ◆ All opes in floors or roofs must be securely covered – DO NOT COVER ROPES WITH PLASTIC SHEETING.
- ◆ Ensure you have adequate lighting.

Denailing

- ◆ De-nail timber as work progresses
- ◆ All protruding re-bar should be cut or capped

Fire Precautions

- ◆ The likelihood of fire on a site is increased if there is rubbish strewn about.
- ◆ Keep all access routes, especially fire escape routes clear of all debris and materials.
- ◆ Do not leave shot firing cartridges about the site.

Vermin

- ◆ Rats are attracted by food waste – use the bins provided and do not leave food on site. (See talk on Weils disease)

Questions

Presenter should request any questions from the audience

MAIN POINT FROM THIS SESSION

**A SAFE SITE IS A TIDY SITE AND IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
CLEAN AS YOU GO.
DON'T RELY ON OTHERS TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOU – THEY WON'T!**



