



Toolbox TALK

SPRING CLEANING

At home and on the job, spring's warmer weather and longer daylight hours present a great opportunity to catch up on housekeeping.

For many companies, their most common incidents involve same-level falls due to slips and trips. Good jobsite housekeeping can dramatically reduce the chance that a slip, trip, or fall will occur. To avoid incidents:

- Clean up any loose materials that may be laying around. Scrap materials have a tendency to fall wherever they were last used, resulting in a wide workspace area covered with tripping hazards. Segregate waste material into hoppers or bins for removal.
- Keep new material neatly stacked in stable piles. Avoid the temptation to stack material higher than you can comfortably reach to reduce the risk of sprains and strains, and to keep material from potentially falling on you or a coworker.
- Immediately clean up any water or mud that gets tracked inside. A slip occurs when your shoe loses traction with the ground. Spread sand or an absorbent material on wet spots. Sweep up the absorbent material and properly dispose of it.
- Take the opportunity to clean out your gang box.
 - Remove any trash or unneeded materials.
 - Hang up any equipment used for rigging or fall protection. This equipment, especially synthetic webbing, can easily be damaged if stored alongside sharp objects like blades, bits, or tools.
 - Inspect your fall protection equipment. ANSI recommends a six-month formal inspection for fall protection gear.
 - Make sure any chemical containers are properly labeled and stored. This includes lubricants, adhesives, and cleaning products.

While spring is a great time for housekeeping, it is vital we perform these tasks throughout the year. The importance of good housekeeping should be at the forefront of our mind whenever we are working. Paying attention to, and following through on, good housekeeping makes all jobs safer and more efficient.



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