

Facilities Safety Clean Work Area

Keep Your Work Area Clean!

Ok, let's be honest for a second. Does anyone really enjoy cleaning? I mean, we do it because we have to (after all, we aren't pigs – snort, snort). However, it's not like anyone is waking up in the morning and saying, "I can't wait to clean my work area today!" Right? Well, for those of you who are having those thoughts first thing in the morning, then maybe you should be promoted to housekeeping lead! For the rest of us "slobs", let's take a few minutes to talk about why a clean work area is so important to your safety.

A messy work area is a sea of hazards on a job site. For example, tools left in aisle-ways can create tripping hazards or wet spots on the floor can create slip hazards. Take the time to clean up any mess you find on the job. Put all trash and debris in proper containers, dispose of hazardous materials in approved marked containers and keep your work area free of unnecessary tools, equipment, materials, and waste of any kind.

Challenge yourself to clean your area of responsibility each week to eliminate hazards. Some examples are spaces in front of electrical panels and disconnects switches need a 3 FT. clearance. Another is to remove cardboard away from sprinklers.



When you practice good housekeeping regularly, you can mitigate/eliminate any danger to you and your co-workers in the area. If you need assistance with housekeeping challenges, contact your Supervisor.