

# HOUSEKEEPING



## **Brief overview**

Many Accidents are caused or aggravated by untidy conditions on site.

There is a duty for all of us to keep our workplace in good order,

Good housekeeping is essential in running a safe site.





### **Hazards**

- Stumbling, tripping or slipping on material left on floors, platforms or walkways.
- Falling objects from material left at height on scaffolds
- Striking against materials such as rebar, girders, tie wires, bonding.
- Stepping on sharp objects such as nails, rebar ties.
- Fire risk due to flammable rubbish left lying around
- Contact with hazardous substances that have not been kept in closed containers or disposed of properly.
- Fire or Emergency Escape Routes blocked by materials or equipment.

### What you should do?

- Never rely on others to clean up for you, it's your responsibility.
- Pick up cables and hang them away from pedestrian routes.
- Put rubbish into bins and skips provided.
- Put your tools and equipment and PPE away after use.
- When working at height do not leave any material on scaffold platforms.
- Remove surplus banding and place in bins as soon as possible.
- Ensure all surplus flammable material is removed from the workplace.
- When stacking materials make sure that the stack is stable and not too high.
- Do not block Fire Exits or Emergency Escape Routes with Tube and Boards.
- Always remember that a tidy site is safer and happy to work on.



### **Points for discussion**

- Housekeeping is everyone's responsibility.
- Don't leave hazards for others to sort out.
- A tidy site is essential for eliminating accidents.

### **Further Considerations**

 Remember: Untidy sites have the most accidents always maintain safe access and egress to the workplace in accordance with the law.

#### Further information

- Alltask Ltd Environmental policy.
- NASC Guidance Note SG31:20
  Management of Slips & Trips