

Good Housekeeping

Good housekeeping is an integral part of every company's safe work practices. Many times during the course of a work day, you may find that all of a sudden you are starting to walk around or trip and stumble over tools, equipment or debris in a work area that was clear before. The job has become difficult to do in a safe and efficient manner.

It is a proven fact that a clean work area helps prevent accidents. Many times in reading over accident reports it is apparent that had the work area been cleared up, there would have been no accident. This is also true in vehicle accidents. Loose debris, rolling soda cans or bottles may get stuck in vehicle controls or cause the driver to be distracted.

It is everybody's responsibility to keep his or her work area clean and safe. Good housekeeping makes trucks, trailers, work areas, offices and shops look good, but it also makes for an efficient and safe operation.

There is an added bonus. The public, including customers and law enforcement agents often see trucks, trailers and work areas. Customers see the condition of our vehicles and facilities as a reflection of the quality of work we do. Law enforcement officers are taught that if the cab of your truck isn't kept clean, you most likely fail to keep the rest of the vehicle in a safe condition. Once again, good housekeeping has an effect.

Work areas reflect the neatness and competence of their occupants. If each individual would leave their work area in the condition they would like to find it, everyone's work could be done more efficiently and safely. Not only does good housekeeping benefit efficiency and safety, it should be done out of courtesy and respect for those we work with. Good housekeeping is a team effort!