Practice Good Housekeeping Stats and Facts



FACTS

- 1. Six good housekeeping practices to help prevent workplace slips, trips and falls include reporting and cleaning up spills and leaks; keeping aisles and exits clear of debris; installing mirrors and warning signs in blind spot areas; replacing worn, ripped or damaged flooring; installing anti-slip flooring in areas that can?t always be cleaned; and using drip pans and guards in places where spills may occur.
- 2. Nine signs of poor housekeeping are cluttered and poorly arranged work areas; dangerous storage of materials; dirty, dusty floors and work surfaces; hanging on to items that are no longer needed or having too many of the same items; blocked or cluttered aisles and exits; tools and equipment that are not returned to proper storage; broken containers and damaged materials; overflowing waste bins and containers; and spills and leaks.
- 3. One major aspect of workplace housekeeping is maintenance. If burned-out light bulbs aren?t replaced or if damaged or uneven flooring isn?t fixed, people can easily suffer injuries.
- 4. Incidents resulting in injury or death that stem from poor housekeeping include these four examples: tripping or falling over objects; fires caused by the ignition of unsafe buildups of combustible dusts; slips on wet, slick or greasy floors; and being struck by objects that have fallen after being improperly stored.
- 5. housekeeping responsibilities that all workers should share include cleaning up during the shift; day-to-day cleanup; waste disposal; removal of unused materials; and inspections to ensure that cleanup is completed.

STATS

In a recent year over 400,000 reported injuries were the result of poor housekeeping causing slips and falls; 35 % of all lost workdays were caused by injuries due to slips and falls.

• Slips and trips are the most common cause of major injuries at work. 95% of major slips result in broken bones and they can also be the initial cause for a range of other types of accident such as a fall from height.

Slips and trips are responsible for, on average:

- over a third of all reported major injuries.
- 20% of over-3-day injuries to employees.

- 2 fatalities per year.
- 50% of all reported accidents to members of the public that happen in workplaces.
- 852 workplace deaths were recorded in Canada. Add to these fatalities the 232,629 claims accepted for lost time due to a work-related injury or disease.
- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in recent years, there are more than 800 injuries annually involving floors, walkways, and ground surfaces.
- According to the US Department of Labor, 15% of all accidental worker deaths are attributable to slips, trips or falls, many of which are linked to poor workplace housekeeping.