



# Safety Matters

Talking Points for

Cool Insuring Agency, Inc.: Your construction workplace safety partner

## Making Housekeeping a Priority On-Site

You know that at , the job site can become hectic with our many workers and multiple contractors performing distinct operations simultaneously. Imagine the chaos that would result if these groups did not clean up after themselves. The site would become a hazardous obstacle course as trash and debris piled up, and walking from one point to another would mean navigating through a mess of extension cords, hoses, materials, nails and screws. It would not only be aggravating; it would be very dangerous, considering that slips, trips and falls are the most common cause of injury on the job site. And inadequate housekeeping is a major contributing factor in most of these accidents.

### What is Housekeeping?

Avoiding dangerous conditions like those described above requires a commitment to housekeeping by every individual on our team. This means making spill cleanup, daily debris/scrap removal, general clearing of walkways and use of trash bins a priority every day.

Good housekeeping also means constant vigilance. Remove any object or material that obstructs a pathway on-site and take care of any other materials that could pose a possible hazard for co-workers. This includes:

- Extension cords
- Hand tools
- Hoses
- Materials
- Debris

- Nails and screws
- Water or spills
- Sawdust

Always be on the lookout for materials that could present a tripping hazard.

### Do Your Part

Follow these housekeeping tips to keep yourself and your co-workers safe.

- Limit the amount of materials and chemicals on-site to the quantities that you will need.
- Store tools and materials out of the way in storage bins or lockers.
- Keep flammable or hazardous wastes in covered, segregated waste containers.
- Never throw waste, materials or tools from a building or structure – always use debris chutes.
- Place warning signs in wet or muddy areas that could pose a slipping hazard.
- Place protective guards across areas where workers could fall or face an impalement hazard.
- Control muddy areas using gravel, boards or plywood.

### Our Commitment to You

At , we put your safety first. If you have any doubts about the security of your worksite – regarding housekeeping or any other issue – do not hesitate to talk to your supervisor.

**Slips, trips and falls are a common cause of injury on the job. Pain and lost wages can be avoided by keeping pathways clear and free of obstacles.**

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