Workplace Housekeeping - Checklist for Construction Sites

Do’s & Don’ts for the job site

DO

☐ Gather up and remove debris to keep the work site orderly.
☐ Plan for adequate disposal of scrap, waste and surplus materials.
☐ Keep the work area and all equipment tidy. Designate areas for waste materials and provide containers.
☐ Keep stairways, passageways, ladders, scaffold and gangways free of material, supplies and obstructions.
☐ Secure loose or light material that is stored on roofs or on open floors.
☐ Keep materials at least 2m (5 ft.) from openings, roof edges, excavations or trenches.
☐ Remove or bend over nails protruding from lumber.
☐ Keep hoses, power cords, welding leads, etc. from laying in heavily travelled walkways or areas.
☐ Ensure structural openings are covered/protected adequately (e.g. sumps, shafts, floor openings, etc.

DO NOT

☐ Do not permit rubbish to fall freely from any level of the project. Use chutes or other approved devices to materials.
☐ Do not throw tools or other materials.
☐ Do not raise or lower any tool or equipment by its own cable or supply hose.

Flammable/Explosive Materials

☐ Store flammable or explosive materials such as gasoline, oil and cleaning agents apart from other materials.
☐ Keep flammable and explosive materials in proper containers with contents clearly marked.
☐ Dispose of greasy, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved containers.
☐ Store full barrels in an upright position.
☐ Keep gasoline and oil barrels on a barrel rack.
☐ Store empty barrels separately.
☐ Post signs prohibiting smoking, open flames and other ignition sources in areas where flammable and explosive materials are stored or used.
☐ Store and chain all compressed gas cylinders in an upright position.
☐ Mark empty cylinders with the letters "mt," and store them separately from full or partially full cylinders.
☐ Ventilate all storage areas properly.
☐ Ensure that all electric fixtures and switches are explosion-proof where flammable materials are stored.
☐ Use grounding straps equipped with clamps on containers to prevent static electricity buildup.
☐ Provide the appropriate fire extinguishers for the materials found on-site. Keep fire extinguisher stations clear and accessible.