Housekeeping on Construction Sites Infographic

10 SAFETY TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE WORKPLACE HOUSEKEEPING

1. PREVENT SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

- Report & Clean Up Spills and Leaks.
- Keep aisles and exits clear of items.
- Consider installing mirrors and warning signs to help with blind spots.
- Replace worn, ripped or damage flooring.
- Consider installing anti-slip flooring in areas that can't always be cleaned.
- Use drip pans and guards.

2. ELIMINATE FIRE HAZARDS

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, fires and explosion accounted for 121 workplace deaths in 2015.

Employees are responsible for keeping unnecessary combustible materials from accumulating in the work area.

3. CONTROL DUST

Dust accumulation of more than 1/32 of an inch – or 0.8 millimeters – covering at least 5 percent of a room's surface poses a significant explosion hazard, according to the Quincy, MA-based National Fire Protection Association.

4. AVOID TRACKING MATERIALS

Work-area mats – which can be cloth or sticky-topped – should be kept clean and maintained. This helps prevent the spread of hazardous materials to other work areas or home.

5. PREVENT FALLING OBJECTS

- Toe board, toe rail or net can help prevent objects from falling and hitting workers or equipment.
- Place heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Keep equipment away from the edges of desks and tables
- Refrain from stacking objects in areas where workers walk.

6. CLEAR CLUTTER

Return tools and other materials to storage after using them, and dispose of materials that are no longer needed.
Keep aisles, stairways, emergency exits, electrical panels and doors clear of clutter, and purge untidy areas.