



# SAFETY CORNER



## SAFETY DISCUSSION

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### Housekeeping Do's and Don'ts



#### DO

- Scan the work zone looking for any potential hazards.
- Use proper lifting techniques to gather up and remove debris to keep the worksite orderly.
- Plan for the adequate disposal of scrap, waste, and surplus materials.
- Keep the work area and all equipment tidy and secured. Designate areas for waste materials and provide containers.
- Keep stairways, passageways, ladders, scaffolds, 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 5ft from openings, roof edges, excavations, or trenches.
- Keep hoses, power cords, welding leads, etc. from laying in heavily traveled walkways or areas or stored when not in use.

- Ensure structural openings are covered/protected adequately (e.g. sumps, shafts, floor openings, etc.)

## DO NOT

- Do not permit debris to fall freely from any level of the project. Use chutes or other approved devices to dispose of materials.
- Do not throw tools or other materials.
- Do not raise or lower any tool or equipment by its own cable or supply hose.
- Remove loose cords or other materials that can be a falling hazard in the work zone.

## FLAMMABLE/EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS

- Store flammable or explosive materials such as gasoline in an approved Class I Flammable Liquids Safety Container.
- Separate Non-compatible chemicals (e.g. oil and cleaning agents) apart from other materials.
- Keep flammable and explosive materials in proper containers with contents clearly marked and stored when not in use.
- Dispose of greasy, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved containers.
- Store full barrels in an upright position.
- Keep gasoline and oil barrels secured with a tie-down or ratcheting strap on any vehicle.
- Store empty barrels separately
- Post sign 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

### Use these questions to add to the discussion:

1. When should you inspect your jobsite for housekeeping?
2. Are you and your or subcontractors, utilizing approved fuel containers on your jobsite?
3. How should a container of gasoline be secured to be transported?



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