



# SAFETY TAILGATE MEETING

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## HOUSEKEEPING SAFETY

### INTRODUCTION

Maintaining good housekeeping may seem like a small matter. However, poor housekeeping has led to many injuries and fires.

**Case scenario:** In February, 2008, there was an explosion at a sugar factory in Savannah, Georgia. 14 people died and 38 were injured. Accumulation of combustible sugar dust throughout the building fueled the explosion.

**Case scenario:** In 2011, an electrician was walking on scaffolding when he slipped and fell face first onto small pieces of masonry block. He needed reconstructive surgery on his face and recovered many months later.

**Group discussion:** What can we learn from these two incidents?

In this meeting, we will discuss:

**(1) WHY SOME HAVE POOR HOUSEKEEPING**

**(2) PRINCIPLES OF GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

**(3) BENEFITS OF GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

## WHY SOME HAVE POOR HOUSEKEEPING

**Group Discussion:** What are some reasons some don't keep good housekeeping?

Have you ever heard these statements?

- "I don't have time. I will do it later."
- "It's no big deal, you should see my house!"
- "It's not mine, it's the other contractor's mess."

## PRINCIPLES OF GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

- **Clean up throughout the day, not just at the end of the day:** Consider: When is the greatest hazard to employees? It is while you are working. This is when people slip, trip and fall, and other injuries happen.
- **Maintain clear aisle ways:** Consider: In the event of an emergency employees must be able to exit safely. There may also be limited visibility, which can make it even more difficult.
- **Keep cords and hoses off the floor:** When possible, inside buildings, run these overhead and disconnect them when not in use.
- **Keep stairways clear:** No items should ever be stored or run through stairways. These are serious trip hazards.
- **Throw trash away as you go:** Keep trash cans nearby. Consider: Why throw trash on the floor when you can easily put it in a trash can, which should be nearby.
- **Keep combustible dust cleaned up:** Consider our first incident we discussed. Saw dust is another combustible dust.
- **Keep flammables in approved containers.**

**What other principles can you think of?**

## BENEFITS OF GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

**Group discussion:** What benefits come from maintaining good housekeeping?

- In addition to preventing many potential injuries, we are more productive.
- If there is an emergency it is easier to evacuate.
- It is good for the psyche!

**Group discussion:** In what ways are we doing well with housekeeping? In what ways can we improve?

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**Attendees Names**

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**Attendees Signatures**

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**CONDUCTOR SIGNATURE**

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