## **SAFETY**



## MONDAY

## 7 Signs and Cures for Poor Housekeeping

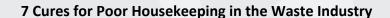


"According to the US Department of Labor, 15% of all accidental worker deaths are attributable to slips, trips or falls, many of which are linked to poor workplace housekeeping".

Know the Signs and Cures to better protect your workforce.

## 7 Signs of Poor Housekeeping in the Waste Industry

- 1. Dirty and dusty floors and work surfaces.
- 2. Retaining unnecessary items that are no longer needed.
- 3. Blocked or cluttered aisles and exits.
- 4. Tools and equipment not returned to their proper places.
- 5. Trash and loose materials inside trucks or heavy equipment (Trash on Dash).
- 6. Accumulation of debris in crevices and corners of buildings.
- 7. Visible spills or leaks.



- 1. Develop a cleaning checklist that management regularly audits.
- 2. Instill the principle: "If you have time to lean, you have time to clean." Make it an integral part of the job.
- 3. Adopt a "when in doubt, throw it out" policy to minimize clutter (manager approval recommended).
- 4. Implement the 5S system: Sort, Set in Place, Shine, Standardize, Sustain.
- 5. Launch a housekeeping campaign for all the workforce including regular spot checks for compliance.
- 6. Managers should participate in cleaning to show solidarity with the team.
- 7. Report and clean up spills immediately.



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