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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.

7 Cures for Poor Housekeeping in the Waste Industry

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.

