

## Housekeeping and on-site safety

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Good housekeeping is key in maintaining a safe, productive building project. It's important to maintain good housekeeping throughout all phases of construction.

- Floors, platforms, stairs, and walkways must be maintained in good repair and kept free of slipping and tripping hazards.
- Waste materials and spills must not be allowed to accumulate in working areas. An ongoing program of waste disposal must be maintained.
- Work areas must be well lit.
- Material or equipment must be placed, stacked, or stored so it will not cause injury to workers.

The area within and surrounding the construction site can be very hazardous to workers if debris is allowed to accumulate.

- Use a waste bin to prevent accumulations of rubbish.
- Ensure there are no protruding nails on loose or fixed materials.
- Use danger or caution tape where open trenches or excavations could present a hazard.
- Ensure all ground areas are firm and level where scaffolding or ladders are to be placed.



*Poor housekeeping can be a source of injury.*