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WORKPLACE INSPECTIONS SAFETY TALK

Workplace inspections are a basic necessity of any safety program. These inspections should be done prior to the start of work as well as periodically throughout the shift and at the end of the work task. Workplace inspections serve the purpose of identifying any hazards in a work area. After hazards are identified, they need to be corrected before work continues.

HAZARDS IN THE WORK AREA

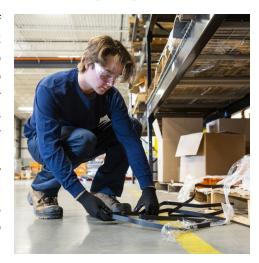
Objects, equipment, people, and animals find their way into work areas, disrupting work and creating additional hazards. Elimination of a hazard is the most effective way to avoid injuries and property damage. It is important to remove any unnecessary people, items, or equipment prior to the start of working.

By removing unnecessary personnel from a work area, less people have the chance to interfere with work or be involved in an accident. Unneeded items should be removed, as they can create trip hazards or can be struck by moving equipment. Biological hazards such as insects or wildlife in work areas can pose many hazards to workers. Insects such as ticks or spiders can carry disease or poison that can cause health problems, and they may distract employees from safely performing the task at hand.

INSPECTION FOCUSES

There are many other hazards that can affect a work area. Some of the common items you should look for during a workplace inspection include fire hazards, faulty equipment, broken tools, housekeeping issues, missing equipment guards, electrical cord and outlet problems, sharp objects, and missing labels. These are just a few examples- think of hazards unique to your work tasks.

There can be a variety of issues in any single work area. It is important to take the time thoroughly check your work area for hazards and take the proper steps to mitigate them. Eliminate as many hazards as you can before relying on a less efficient control protect yourself.



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