



North Carolina Wing Weekly Safety Blast



2018 - Topic #6 – Housekeeping

Reason for this Blast:

The importance of good housekeeping is not a joke to anyone who wants to avoid the hazards presented by sloppy habits.

Safety Points:

- **In addition to encouraging poor attitudes, poor housekeeping can lead to:**
 - Slips from slick or wet floors, platforms or working surfaces.
 - Trips from objects or materials that are left in walkways and working areas.
 - Falls from holes in walking and working surfaces, uneven flooring, uncovered pits or drains, and boxes or pallets being used instead of adequate platforms.
 - Collisions caused by poorly stored materials, overhanging or protruding objects, boxes and materials stored haphazardly, and the use of aisles for storing material and/or equipment.
- **Good housekeeping, on the other hand:**
 - Eliminates accidents and fire causes
 - Saves energy by eliminating the need to work “around” congested areas and useless/excess materials stored in the work area.
 - Makes the best use of space and allows for time saving inventory practices.
 - Helps control property damage
 - Encourages better work habits
 - Reflects the image of a well-run operation.



MAIN DISCUSSION POINT OF THIS SAFETY BLAST

A good housekeeping program must include careful planning, a cleanup schedule or policy, effective oversight, and continuous enforcement of housekeeping rules. Make is a point to look over your assigned area for unnecessary tools, materials, equipment or supplies. All items that are not needed should be stored properly or reported through the responsible party for correction.