

# Talk 5: Site Housekeeping & General Environmental Care



## Why This Matters

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Good housekeeping keeps the site safe, prevents environmental incidents, and sets the tone for quality work. Messy areas increase trip hazards, attract pests, and allow contaminants to spread.

## Daily Standards

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- ✓ Start and finish each shift with a tidy workspace
- ✓ Keep walkways, stairs, and access points clear at all times
- ✓ Store tools and materials neatly when not in use
- ✓ Secure lightweight materials so they don't blow away

## Environmental Care Actions

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- ✓ Inspect bunds, drip trays, and containers for integrity
- ✓ Label all containers clearly – no mystery liquids
- ✓ Keep vegetation buffers intact to prevent erosion
- ✓ Check that spill kits, first-aid kits, and fire extinguishers are accessible

## Material Storage

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- ✓ Stack pallets, pipes, and steel safely and away from drains
- ✓ Cover powders, cements, and soils during rain
- ✓ Segregate incompatible chemicals
- ✓ Keep fuel and chemical storage locked when unattended

### **👁️ Look, Log, Fix**

Adopt the "see it, sort it" mindset:

1. Identify the issue (waste, leak, obstruction)
2. Make it safe or clean it immediately
3. Report recurring problems so we can eliminate the cause

## **Cross-Team Responsibilities**

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- ✓ Return shared equipment clean and ready for the next crew
- ✓ Log housekeeping checks in the site diary
- ✓ Nominate a housekeeping lead for each area
- ✓ Support subcontractors with expectations and inspections

## **Discussion Points**

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- ✓ Which areas are hardest to keep tidy and why?
- ✓ What quick wins could we implement today?
- ✓ Do we have enough storage and waste capacity?
- ✓ How do we hold ourselves accountable?

### **Take Pride in the Site**

A clean site is the best advertisement for our professionalism. Visitors should immediately see that we care about safety and the environment.