

Talk 5: Site Housekeeping & General Environmental Care



Why This Matters

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

- ✓ 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

- ✓ 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

- ✓ 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

- ✓ 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

- ✓ 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.