



# Toolbox Talk

## Topic: Housekeeping Inspections

Everyone on the jobsite has a responsibility to maintain satisfactory housekeeping. A clean site is an efficient site. Conducting a housekeeping inspection at the beginning and end of every shift is a great way to prevent slips, trips and falls – a risk factor that when managed can help prevent one of the leading types of employee injuries.

### **Tips for conducting a proper housekeeping inspection:**

- Survey the jobsite for equipment that isn't stored in an organized manner.
- Ensure that walking paths are clearly identified and kept clear.
- Extension cords should be rolled back at the end of each shift to prevent damage and reduce tripping hazards.
- Ensure water collecting on the site is pumped to another area or drained properly.
- Supply employees with proper footwear with non-slip soles.
- When possible, floors should be swept with compound to prevent the collection of dust.
- Ensure stub-ups and other temporary obstructions are marked with highly visible paint or covered with a cone.
- Ensure impalement caps have been installed on exposed rebar ends.

*Prompt questions for employees about hazards that they look for when inspecting the site before each shift.*

