

Prevent Mishaps on the Manufacturing Floor

Risk Prevention Measures

Maintaining a clean manufacturing floor is essential to providing a productive and safe job site. The most common injuries are caused by slips, trips, and falls. Take a look at what you can do to help provide a safer working environment, from managing hazardous materials to keeping a clean workspace.



These items include:

- ✓ Extension cords
- ✓ Hand tools
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Cables
- ✓ Debris
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Water or spills
- ✓ Sawdust
- ✓ Combustible materials

Good risk mitigation practices:

- ✓ Limit the amount of materials and chemicals onsite to the quantities that you will need.
- ✓ Store tools and materials out of the way in storage bins or lockers.
- ✓ Keep flammable or hazardous wastes in covered, separate waste containers.
- ✓ Place warning signs in wet or muddy areas that could pose a slipping hazard.
- ✓ Place protective guards across areas where workers could fall or face an impalement hazard.
- ✓ Control muddy areas using gravel, boards, or plywood.

Practices to avoid:

- ✗ Do not leave clean-up responsibilities for the last few minutes of the day.
- ✗ Do not clean equipment without first locking out.
- ✗ Never pile material around fire extinguishers, sprinklers, or emergency exits.
- ✗ Never blow off dust with compressed air; use a vacuum or brush.
- ✗ Do not collect broken glass or metal scraps in plastic bags.
- ✗ Never use bare hands when collecting waste; gloves prevent cuts and splinters.

Maintaining a clean manufacturing floor is one of the best ways to mitigate hazardous risks that could cause preventable accidents. [Contact us to review your risk mitigation strategies](#) to help protect your employees and your business.