



WASTE MANAGEMENT - TOOLBOX TALK

Reason: Good housekeeping is an essential part of site safety.

Why: Accumulated waste materials and substances can turn into risks to health and safety in several ways.

Outline: This talk will cover: the risks to health and safety resulting from poor housekeeping.

General Precautions

Tidiness is one of the foundation stones of safety and good environmental practice. You can all make a significant contribution to safety by good housekeeping and common sense.

1. Separate different types of waste into separate skips if there is such a system.
2. If there is a COSHH skip, make sure that all used containers of substances are put in it - do not mix with general waste.
3. Remove all nails from scrap timber to avoid foot injuries to other people.
4. Securely bag or bundle lightweight waste to prevent it being scattered by the wind.
5. Waste created at height must be returned to ground level in a safe manner, not thrown down.

Q Where would you dispose of used substance containers on this site?

Skips

1. If a skip is to be positioned in the road, a Council permit is required.
2. A skip on the road must be coned off at all times with adequate lights at night.
3. Do not position skips in close proximity to buildings. A skip fire may cause significant damage to the building - prevent arson.
4. Don't overload skips - load up to the top of the sides maximum.
5. Don't attempt to ride in a skip - waste material could move and injure you.

Fire

1. Accumulations of combustible material could provide the fuel for a large fire.
2. Dispose of combustible waste in the skips or bins provided as soon as practical after you create it.
3. Don't dispose of used LPG cylinders or aerosol cans in with general waste.
4. The burning of waste materials is not allowed on site. DO NOT light bonfires and don't light fires in skips.

Q Where on this site should waste timber and cardboard be disposed of?

Special Waste

1. Special arrangements have to be made for the removal of certain hazardous substances, such as Asbestos, from site. The skip must be enclosed to prevent wind blowing asbestos debris into the atmosphere.
2. Plasterboard can be recycled if segregated, so if a project is likely to generate significant plasterboard waste, then a designated skip should be arranged.
3. These substances must not be mixed in with general waste.

Food Waste

1. Discarded food waste will encourage the presence of rats and other vermin.
2. The presence of rats brings with it the possibility of catching Weil's disease.
3. Dispose of food waste in secure bins - do not leave it lying about.

Q How can the presence of rats be discouraged?

Do you have any questions for me?

