

Most Often Overlooked

Daily

- PPE (harness, lanyard/SRL, gloves, hardhat, high vis. . .)
- Extension Cords/GFCIs
- Equip. plugs/ground prongs
- Flammables removed from hot work areas
- General housekeeping
- Documenting equipment inspections

Weekly

- Eye Wash stations
- Safety Showers
- Thorough housekeeping & clean up
- Documenting the Worksite Safety Inspection

Monthly

- Fire Extinguisher
- Fall protection SRDs
- Horizontal Life lines

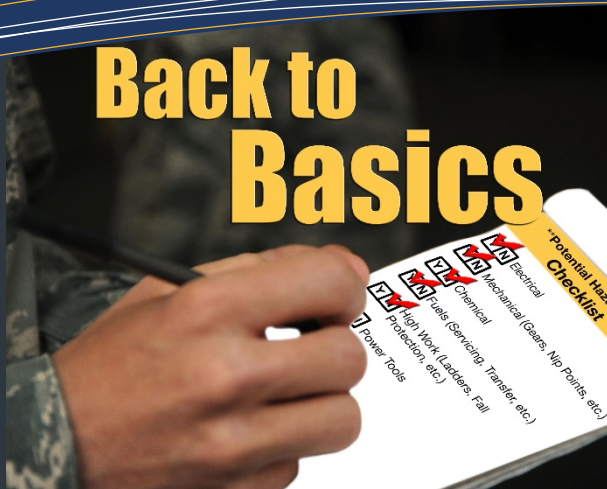
Did You Know?

OSHA can cite employers various ways for failure to maintain a neat and orderly work environment?

- General Duty Clause – known and recognized hazards
- Walking/Working Surfaces – must be kept in an orderly manner free from hazards
- Multiple Fire Standards – fire egress routes, fire hazards, combustibles in hot work areas

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Number of injuries due to slips, trips and falls; most which can be attributed to poor housekeeping



Back to Basics

General Worksite Safety Inspections & Corrections

“Some things never change.”

Complacency is a dangerous enemy. It slowly takes over vigilance when things (ex. safety and equipment inspections) become familiar. It allows thoughts like, “I’ve never fallen before, so why should this time be any different?” This is called the Normalcy Bias; a fancy name for stating that the longer we go without an incident occurring, the less we think an incident will occur. It’s human nature.

One way to minimize the Normalcy Bias is through regular training and inspections. The military is a great example. They live and breathe the process of minimizing complacency. Through training, we stay current on the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe. Inspections ensure that our work areas are as safe as possible, and that our equipment is ready to do its job.

Training – We should be training every day. Not formal training where you sit in a classroom, but a daily brief of the day’s activities with our supervisors. During this briefing, potential safety issues should be addressed as well as how to best handle them. Supervisors should remind their crews of relevant hazards that coincide with the job. Employees should ask questions that further their understanding of the hazards and the safety measures required. All of this should be noted on the JHA and signed by all.

Contact Safe Workforce today for your safety and training needs!

Inspection – Inspections are often overlooked because they are viewed as taking time away from production. However, inspections are just as important as training. Almost everything on a job site needs to be inspected, whether it be formal or not. Power tools are a great example. While there may not be a formal inspection process, you should be looking them over at every use. Are the guards in place? Is the ground prong missing? Is the safety switch being bypassed?

So, what constitutes a proper inspection?

- The job site should be formally walked down and documented at a minimum of once a week. Everything from eye wash stations to trip hazards, hot work area cleanliness to fire extinguishers should be documented. A formal Worksite Safety Inspection form is a great tool to help this process.
- Are tools working as they are intended by the manufacturer? Are handles and guards properly installed? Are there nicks in the power cord? If there is a formal inspection form, has it been completed, and with the correct frequency (daily, weekly, etc)?