



## Safety in Wind Energy – Housekeeping

### AWEA's Safety and Health Strategy:

Worker safety and health are core values of the wind energy industry.

**Support** continuous training of wind industry employers and employees.

**Empower** workers to take ownership of safety and health programs.

**Educate and Cooperate** regulating agencies about how wind projects are developed and maintained.

**Create and Distribute** appropriate safety and health training programs and educational materials.

**Monitor** the injury and illness rate within the industry.

**Identify** high hazard areas.

**Develop** solutions to eliminate or reduce these hazards

Always remember to report injuries and incidents to the supervisor.

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Good housekeeping is vital to preventing accidents on the job site such as slips, trips and falls. Good housekeeping includes more than just keeping trash and debris off the site, it also includes the proper storage and stacking of materials.

### Housekeeping

The act of housekeeping is another word for keeping the job site clean and orderly. Appropriate housekeeping significantly reduces many of the hazards associated with construction and should be a priority of all phases of construction and operation. Good housekeeping promotes safety in the work place, improves performance, protects employees and gives resonates professionalism at the site. Housekeeping is everyone's responsibility.

As construction begins trash will also start to collect. It is important to include plans for waste management in the pre-planning stage, such as appropriate containers, pick-up and dispose with an approved waste receiver. The trash containers, cans or dumpsters should be equipped with covers to avoid the trash from being blown around by the wind and ending back on the site.

Care should be taken to keep storage materials, spare parts, and lay-down area material in an orderly fashion. Not only will this aid in finding the material when needed but also will ensure clear walkways between or around the area. Protruding nails and screws should be revoked prior to stacking scrap, reusable lumber and cribbing. All material in the storage areas should be checked for compatibility such that a flammable situation is not created in the process.

Liquid spills should be cleaned up immediately to prevent slips. If the liquid is classified as a hazardous material it should be contained and the property management notified. Make sure the area is secure to prevent others from walking through the spill.

**Over 700 workers are injured in slips, trips or falls every day in the United States.**

### Tips to Remember

- Appropriate containers shall be provided for the collection, separation, and elimination of construction waste.
- Containers used for garbage and oily waste must have covers. Covers should also be considered for outdoor containers in high wind areas.
- All containers should be labeled, especially with hazardous waste, such as oily rags.
- Work areas shall be maintained in an orderly fashion and construction waste policed and removed on a daily basis
- Protruding nails and screws should be revoked prior to stacking scrap, reusable lumber and cribbing.
- Non-compatible materials shall be segregated in storage.
- All stacks or piles of material shall be stabilized with proper supports as necessary.
- Spills that present a slip hazard shall be cleaned up immediately
- Spills that contain hazardous materials shall be contained immediately and reported to the Site Safety Manager. Hazardous material spills shall be cleaned up and disposed of per local, State, and Federal requirements.
- If there is a spill that you cannot identify, stay away until identified by a competent person.

