

TOOL BOX TALKS

Maintenance Shop Safety

Transportation Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Maintenance shops present trip hazards such as air hoses, extension cords, welder leads, supplies, parts, and liquids like oil, fluids and coolant. Review these maintenance shop safety tips with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

1. Anyone working in a maintenance shop or garage should have the following personal protective equipment available:
 - Safe footwear to protect feet from falling objects and puncture hazards.
 - Leather gloves that protect hands from sharp or hot objects.
 - Eye protection for tasks like grinding or using a hammer or chisel.
 - Apron for use when cleaning parts or when using chemicals.
 - Nitrile gloves.
 - Hearing protection for electric and air operated tools.
2. Remove extension cords and hoses when not in use and do not place them across aisles and pathways.
3. Turn off air lines when not in use. Air supply lines must have an emergency shutoff device.
4. Floors must be kept clear of slip and trip hazards.
5. Keep welding leads and hoses picked up between uses.
6. Turn the valves of oxygen and acetylene cylinders off when not in use.
7. Keep waste and scrap material cleared out of walkways and paths.
8. Keep parts rooms clean and well lit.
9. Inspect all lifts according to the owner's manual before each use.
10. Dumpster areas must be free of excess trash, scrap and waste.
11. Walking areas near waste oil and fluid containment areas must be free of spills.
12. All work pits must be covered or guarded when not in use during vehicle maintenance.
13. Mop up rain water that has been tracked into the shop area.
14. Keep absorbent material readily available for spills.

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