

TOOLBOX TALK for July 6th, 2026

Capenter's Training - Portland- July 11th, Forklift& First Aid - July 25th MEWP/Aerial Lift

Tangent- July 11th, First Aid

Ontario- July 11th, First Aid, MEWP/Aerial Lift - July 29th, Forklift

Taper's - Nothing scheduled

Housekeeping

In the last year, we had two workers injured after stepping on sharp objects that went through their boots. Injuries like these could be prevented and are an example of why good housekeeping every day is so important. Here are a few good housekeeping ideas.

- **Keep pathways clear:** Keep floors, hallways, and stairs free of tools, materials, and debris to prevent tripping, slipping and puncture hazards.
- **Remove waste:** Use designated bins and chutes for cut offs and trash; don't let it hit the floor. Empty trash buggies as soon as needed, don't wait until trash is falling on the floor.
- **Keep the dust down:** Use HEPA vacuums and clean sweep to capture dust while cleaning.
- **Clean-up spills promptly:** Clean wet spills immediately with absorbents to prevent slips and ensure drying.
- **Organize Tools:** Store tools in designated spots (gang boxes and cages) when not in use.
- **Phase cleaning:** Implement rough (debris removal), light (sweeping), and final (detail) cleaning stages.
- **Secure Hazards:** Remove protruding nails, rolling stock, wires, and other obstacles that create hazards.
- **Mark Hazards:** Clearly mark areas with wet floors, stub ups or live electrical wires.

Clean work areas help prevent slips, trips, falls, and puncture injuries. Cleaning as we go is much easier—and works better—than letting debris pile up. Good housekeeping is a habit that makes sense and keeps everyone safe and productive.

2026 Safety Goals

At the beginning of each year, we set safety goals to focus on throughout the year. In 2025, we met—and in some cases exceeded—our goals. Halfway through 2026, we're on track to show even more improvement by reducing injuries, with a focus on fewer hand injuries, better housekeeping and better fall protection planning. To achieve our goals, we must stay focused on working smart and maintaining safe work practices. It's up to each of us.

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