# **Toolbox Talk**



## 28. Housekeeping

### Why?

- Good housekeeping can reduce fires and accidents in the workplace
- Poor housekeeping is a major cause of:
  - Fires
  - Accidents (slips, trips, falls)
  - Other injuries



#### How?

- Eyes on task, mind on task
- Keep the working area clean and tidy
- Use correct PPE when dealing with waste
- Check litter bins are emptied regularly
- Take ownership ('Golden Rules')

#### Do

- ✓ Keep work areas and passages clean and tidy
- Report any bad housekeeping practices i.e. plant rooms used as storage, or electrical cupboards blocked off by stock
- ✓ Use bins provided
- ✓ Coil up cables and hoses when not in use
- ✓ Clean up spills to prevent slips
- ✓ Store tools safely when not in use
- ✓ Keep fire exits clear at all times

#### Don't

- X Leave paper or other materials lying on the floor, desks or worktops
- X Ignore spillages
- X Leave tools unattended
- X Block emergency exits
- X Block fire doors



