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Organization Best Practices for Laydown Yards

Most of the time, a foreman or supervisor has already organized a laydown area and has it set up the way it will work for the job site. However, it is essential that all the workers maintain the organization.

Laydown yards can be small and house a lot of materials, tools, equipment, and vehicles. There are constantly things moving in and out and around so at times it is hard to see how to set the area up to help everyone.

Some of our best practices for staying organized are:

- Make sure there is plenty of space between heavy equipment and materials that are moved frequently.
- Place items that are not needed soon or items that are rarely used out of the way.
- Make sure there are walking paths for all workers to access the areas and materials needed.
- Use caution tape and barriers to keep people and visitors out of hazardous areas and where the heavy equipment may be traveling.
- Discard any items that are unrepairable or simply trash to avoid clutter.
- Put things where they go as soon as you are done with them—don't wait until the end of the day.
- Inspect and reevaluate the area routinely to see if the organization can be improved.

Keep Laydown Yards Organized and Safe:

Laydown areas and yards are often neglected because many workers just do not see the importance of keeping them up.

With neglect comes unnecessary hazards that can result in injuries to you and your co-workers that are in the area. Do your part in keeping the laydown area neat and organized.

Hazard Elimination in Laydown Areas:

If you are looking for ways to make sure the laydown yard where you work is hazard-free, check out these tips for eliminating the hazards mentioned above.

Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls & Struck-By Hazards:

- Good housekeeping and proper organization will eliminate most of the slip, trip, and fall hazards. A laydown area that is organized and kept up will also help eliminate the struck-by accidents that could happen with workers and objects.

Preventing Biological Hazards:

- Biological hazards are difficult to avoid, but if you inspect your items before moving and using, you should be able to notice critters before you are bitten or injured by one.

Preventing Theft:

- Theft cannot always be avoided, but you can help prevent it by keeping the jobsite secure and locking vehicles at all times. Keep your eyes and ears open if you hear of anything missing and never discuss with outsiders what is kept on your job site area.

Preventing Property Damage:

- Property damage can be reduced if you and your coworkers keep the laydown area organized and neat also.
- If items are where they should be, the chance of running them over or hitting them while moving vehicles or equipment is reduced.