

## Weekly Safety Meetings Premium

Safety Training for the Construction Industry

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## Sanitation I

Proper sanitation is one way to keep the jobsite free from conditions that can endanger your health. To minimize health risks, everyone must practice good sanitation habits. Drinking water, toilet facilities, food handling, vermin control, and trash collection are some of the issues that are of particular importance.

The drinking water must be clean and safe. Portable containers used to dispense drinking water should be tightly closed and equipped with a tap. Don't lift the lid and dip your mug in for a quick refill. The containers should be clearly marked and not used for any other purpose. Have disposable drinking cups available and receptacles for disposing of the used cups. Clean the containers and change the water on a regular basis. Never put your hand in the container and don't handle the ice with your bare hands. A contaminated water supply can quickly lead to illness.

Every jobsite must have adequate toilet facilities. Wash your hands after visiting them. Keep them clean and let your supervisor know if they need servicing. If your site has temporary sleeping quarters or changing rooms, be sure they are inspected and cleaned frequently.

If there are food handlers on the site, they should wash their hands regularly and wear disposable gloves designed especially for working with food. It is imperative that the work surfaces are kept clean. Protect the food from contamination while it is in storage and when it is being processed and prepared. These precautions apply to individuals too. Always wash your hands before eating and don't put your food on dirty surfaces. If you bring your lunch, take precautions like using a cooler during warm weather to ensure that your food doesn't spoil. Food poisoning is a very unpleasant and potentially dangerous experience.

Rats and other vermin love to feed on food wrappers and scraps. Use trashcans and replace the lids securely. Garbage must be removed from the site promptly and regularly. Enclosed work spaces should be checked daily for rodents and insects. A continuing and effective extermination program should be instituted where rodents and insects present a problem.

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SAFETY REMINDER

Keeping the jobsite clean will decrease the risk of slips, trips, and falls.

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	SUPERVISOR:
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