



# Weekly Safety Meetings

Safety Training for the Construction Industry

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## Sanitation II

It is important to have a clean and sanitary jobsite. To reduce health risks, use sanitary practices when you deal with drinking water, restrooms, and trash at a construction site.

Potable drinking water is a necessary part of our lives. Each of us must keep hydrated to function effectively and to stay healthy. If you look around your jobsite, you should see coolers that provide you with drinking water. Everyone must help keep these containers clean and free of germs so that they don't become breeding grounds for disease. A contaminated water supply can quickly spread illness. Never put your hands in the coolers. Don't use them as refrigerators to keep your lunch cool. They are there to provide you with clean water and should be kept tightly closed. When you get a drink of water, use a disposable, single-use cup. You should never use old soda bottles or refill your personal container. Avoid sharing a cup with a co-worker. Drinking from a cup someone else has used can spread germs. Do not put your lips on or around the spigot. Let your supervisor know if you feel that the safety of the drinking water has been compromised.

Toilet facilities also need to be available on the construction site. Frequently these facilities are porta-potties. Sometimes portable bathroom trailers are brought in on larger construction projects. No matter what type of restroom facilities are available to you, keep them clean by disposing

of bathroom tissue and hand towels in appropriate receptacles. Wash your hands after using the toilet facilities and before eating or drinking. Washing with soap and water is most effective, but if soap and water are not available, you can use a no-rinse hand sanitizer or a disinfectant wipe. Many effective hand sanitizers are available on the market today. Keep in mind that a no-rinse sanitizer may not be sufficient to remove chemicals from your hands. Be sure to tell your supervisor if the restrooms need servicing.

Trash and rubbish are by-products of construction work. Shipping containers, cardboard, packing material, lunch wrappers, and the like are generated during every construction project. To keep rats and other vermin away from your jobsite, dispose of trash items in appropriate containers. Bottles, cans, food wrappers, and scraps should be placed in a trashcan with a secure lid so that they don't attract insects. Other construction waste should be disposed of properly in waste bins and dumpsters.

Unsanitary conditions can endanger your health. A clean, sanitary site will prevent illness and promote good health.

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**SAFETY REMINDER**  
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**Clean up your act!**

**Keep the jobsite free of vermin, germs, and disease.**

**NOTES:**

SPECIAL TOPICS /EMPLOYEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS/NOTES:

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S.A.F.E. CARDS® PLANNED FOR THIS WEEK:

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REVIEWED MSDS #

SUBJECT:

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**MEETING DOCUMENTATION:**

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