



Quickie Safety Quiz

An inspection determines whether safety (OSHA) violations or hazards exist on the jobsite. Step one is determining which safety standards apply to conditions, work practices, tools, equipment, and operations. And don't forget that shops, warehouses, storage vans/sheds/trailers/vehicles, offices, and other company facilities should also be inspected for potential safety hazards.

As you read the following checklists, make note of the areas where hazards exist and the steps to correct the hazards. Your health and welfare depend on your thoroughness.

Jobsite Information

- Are OSHA and other jobsite warnings posted?
- Do you attend safety meetings?
- Have you had first-aid training?
- Where are emergency phone numbers posted?

Housekeeping & Sanitation

- Is there a receptacle for trash disposal?
- Is there adequate lighting?
- Are nails removed from lumber?
- Are oil and grease spills controlled?
- Is drinking water available? Tested?
- Are disposable cups available?

Fire Prevention

- Has there been a jobsite fire drill?
- Are fire extinguishers available? Where?
- Is the fire department's phone number posted?
- Are "NO SMOKING" signs posted?

Electrical Installations

- Are ground fault circuit interrupters available?
- Are electrical boxes quipped with covers?
- Are only 3-wire-type extension cords being used?
- Is a fire extinguisher for electrical fires available?
- Is all exposed wiring insulated?

Hand Tools

- Are tools properly stored?
- Is there a maintenance program in force?
- Are damaged tools taken out of service?
- Is proper grounding being used?

Power Tools

- Are tools and cords in good condition?
- Is proper grounding being used?
- Are all mechanical safeguards in use?
- Is wiring properly installed?

Power-Actuated Tools

- Are all operators (users) qualified? Trained?
- Are safety goggles provided?
- Are these tools stored in locked cabinets?
- Are nearby workers warned that power-actuated tools are being used?

Ladders

- Have ladders been inspected for damage?
- Are ladders in trenches within 25 feet of all workers?
- Are ladders secured to prevent slipping/falling?
- Do you know that metal ladders are not to be used around electrical hazards?
- Do ladders in trenches extend at least 3-feet above the trench lip?

Scaffolding

- Is erection of scaffolding supervised by a competent person?
- Is scaffolding tied into a structure?
- Are workers protected from falling objects?
- Is scaffolding plum, square, and equipped with cross-bracing?
- Are guard rails and toe boards in place?

Hoists, Cranes, and Derricks

- Are cables and sheaves inspected daily?
- Are slings, chains, hooks, and eyes in good condition?
- Is equipment firmly supported?
- Are outriggers used?
- Are overhead power lines de-energized/insulated?
- Is equipment properly lubricated and maintained?
- Are signals understood and observed?
- Is there a qualified operator?
- Is a current inspection certificate posted on cranes/derricks?

Heavy Equipment

- Is equipment regularly inspected and maintained?
- Are lights, brakes, and warning signals operative?
- Is equipment protected when not in use?
- Are there shut-off devices on air lines in case of hose failure?
- Are noise arresters used?

Motor Vehicles

- Are vehicles regularly inspected and maintained?
- Are operators properly licensed?
- Are local, state and federal vehicle laws observed?
- Do brake lights and warning devices work?
- Are weight limits and load sizes controlled?
- Do all riders have seats?
- Are fire extinguishers installed?

Garages and Repair Shops

- Are fire hazards checked?
- Is there good housekeeping?
- Is adequate lighting provided?
- Are fuels and lubricants in approved containers?
- Is there proper/adequate ventilation?
- Are batteries stored properly?

Barricades

- Are floor openings covered or barricaded?
- Are roadways and sidewalks protected?
- Is there adequate lighting?
- Is traffic controlled?
- Do barricades/cones meet state requirements?

These safety hazards come in all sizes and shapes. Sometimes it's even an unsafe co-worker ... or maybe even you!