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JANUARY 2020 SAFETY PRESENTATION SHOP FLOOR MAINTENANCE

A minor investment of time and money, by keeping your shop floor free of unnecessary clutter, debris and shavings, can result in safe working practices. The following is recommended.

- 1) Keep your floor, especially your work path, free of trip hazards
- 2) Clean up spills of oil, chemicals, and waxes as they happen
- 3) Remove and collect shavings regularly to avoid build up.
- 4) Strategically place garbage CANS so you have a handy place for your refuse
- 5) Invest in a metal container with a lid to store the paper towels used for applying finishes and all rags with solvent or chemical residue.

Get in the habit of CLEANING/PICKING UP at the end of each workday. A better practice is to CLEAN/PICK UP at the end of each project so you can start the next one in a clean and orderly environment.

A shop vacuum is an effective tool to use to clean up your floor without kicking up all kind of dust everywhere.

If you have a ducked dust collector, dedicate one port to a long piece of flexible hose equipped with a large wand; this will make the floor cleaning convenient and fast.

To prevent heavy build up you should occasionally wash your floor. Dan Anderson recommended Challenger PC-737a concentrated soap solution, which I use on my vinyl floor.

This soap does a good job with everyday grime but it proved especially effective with old build up of dye, paint, and Anchorseal spills.

WE ALL KNOW that the combination of (for an example) Anchorseal or Mahoney Oil and shavings can make "DISNEY ON ICE" look like child's play!

I have found an ideal way of disposing of my shavings: one of my neighbors does a compost for her large garden and she gladly uses all I generate.

In conclusion KEEP IT CLEAN.
Be more EFFICIENT, SAFE and HAPPY.

From your CWT safety officer
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