

HOUSEKEEPING

A well-maintained workplace boosts employee morale and helps prevent injury and illness.

Good Housekeeping

- Prevents slips, trips, falls and fire hazards.
- Improves air quality, health & safety and campus image.
- Supports overall occupational health & safety.

Tips & Reminders

- Plan cleanups; don't leave until the end of shift.
- Use designated containers for sharps and hazardous waste.
- Report hazards via supervisor and MUNSafe.

Legislative Requirements

Under the NL OHS Act & Regs,:

- Employers: must ensure that the workplace is kept clean.
- Supervisor: must inform workers of housekeeping hazards and ensure PPE and safe work procedures are followed.
- Workers: must keep work areas clear, adhere to PPE and safe work procedures and report hazards immediately.

Best Practices

- Properly store materials, avoid blocking exits and emergency equipment.
- Housekeeping must be ongoing
- Clear aisles, stairways, and floors and work surfaces regularly.
- Ensure washrooms, lunchrooms remain clean, well-lit and ventilated.
- Ensure regular waste disposal.
- Train and engage staff via toolbox talks and inspection checklists



Legislative Reference:
NL OHS Act - Sections 4 - 7
NL OHS Regs- Section 67