



# Equipment Maintenance

*Properly maintaining, repairing, cleaning, and storing construction equipment can help prevent injuries and deaths. It can also make the equipment last longer.*

## Hank's Story

Hank was told to use a forklift to move some materials. Before operating the forklift, he inspected the upper portion of the cab. He did not notice the grease and oil that had leaked out onto the floor. Hank slipped getting into the cab and wrenched his knee. He missed a week's work while recovering.

- ✘ How could this incident have been prevented?
- ✘ Has someone you know ever been injured by poorly maintained equipment? If so, what happened?

## Remember This

- Always inspect equipment to make sure it is in safe working order and good repair. Do not use damaged equipment.
- Tell your supervisor if equipment needs to be maintained, cleaned, or repaired.
- Make sure the equipment you are using is not blocking aisles, stairs, exits, fire equipment, first-aid stations, or emergency showers or eyewash fountains.
- Use proper lockout/tagout procedures to control all hazardous energy sources before maintaining, cleaning, or repairing equipment.

## How can we stay safe today?

What will we do at the worksite to promote equipment maintenance?

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OSHA Standard: 1926.25 (Housekeeping)

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