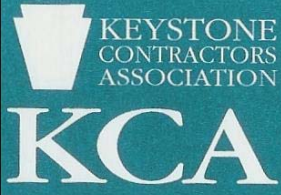


KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Equipment Maintenance



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The maintenance, repair, cleaning, and storage of tools used on a construction site can help in the prevention of injuries and deaths. It is not only important to perform proper maintenance for the sake of the equipment, but this can prove helpful for the individuals using the equipment.

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Here is an Example: Prior to starting the day's work, Hank checked out the forklift he was going to be using. While inspecting the upper portion of the cab he did not notice the grease and oil that had leaked out onto the floor. He slipped and wrenched his knee badly causing him to miss a week's work while recovering.

1. How could this injury have been prevented?
2. When you are at work, do you make sure that all safety equipment is working properly?

Proper Equipment Maintenance:

- Maintain buildings, equipment and machinery in safe working order and in good repair.
- Keep tools neat and orderly, whether in the tool room, on the rack, in the yard, or on the bench.
- Return tools promptly after use to reduce the chance of them being misplaced or lost.
- Regularly inspect, clean and repair all tools and take any damaged or worn tools out of service.
- Do not block aisles, stairs, exits, fire equipment, emergency eyewash fountains, emergency showers or first-aid stations with stored materials.

For more information visit OSHA Standard 1926.25 (Housekeeping)

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