

“Low-Hanging Fruit” When Conducting Walkthroughs

Common, easy-to-spot hazards you can often correct within a day!

Plan on external assessors visiting your work areas when you pursue formal safety and occupational health management system (SOHMS) approval or recognition. During these walkthroughs, assessors often discover easily-correctable hazards. This one pager lists common findings you may have at your workplace, items you should look to address before any assessors arrive at your site. Incorporate these items into scheduled safety and health inspections and informal day-to-day worksite evaluations. Add any identified findings to your hazard tracking log and track the finding to closure. Set your organization up for success by identifying and correcting these “low-hanging fruit” at your organization.

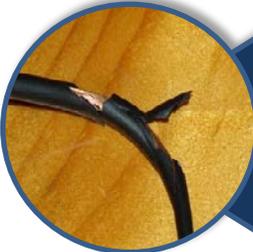


Machine Guarding

- ✓ Missing machine guards
- ✓ Unanchored machinery
- ✓ Unadjusted guards on grinding wheels

Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)

- ✓ Keys left in locks
- ✓ Tags incomplete or illegible
- ✓ Tags easily removed by pulling



Electrical

- ✓ Damaged or frayed wiring
- ✓ Daisy chains
- ✓ Obstructed electrical panels
- ✓ Holes in the outer panel box

Walking-Working Surfaces

- ✓ Wires and cords pulled across aisle ways
- ✓ Cabinets left open in hallways
- ✓ Wet or slippery surfaces



Fire Protection

- ✓ Obstructed fire protection equipment
- ✓ Lack of fire extinguishers in marked areas
- ✓ Storage within 18” of sprinkler heads

Forklift/Powered Industrial Trucks

- ✓ Daily pre-use inspections not documented
- ✓ Load capacity not marked
- ✓ Seatbelts not worn by operators
- ✓ Forks or loads raised when not in use



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- ✓ Employees and visitors not wearing required PPE
- ✓ PPE not put away after use



Hazard Communication

- ✓ Unlabeled portable or secondary containers
- ✓ Illegible container labels
- ✓ Inaccessible safety data sheets (SDSs)



Compressed Gas Cylinders

- ✓ Unlabeled cylinders
- ✓ Storage near heat sources
- ✓ Missing valve protector caps on unused cylinders



Emergency and Egress

- ✓ Blocked exit doors or egress paths
- ✓ Locked exit doors
- ✓ Missing EXIT signs on designated doors
- ✓ EXIT signs not visible from any area



Emergency Eyewash/Shower Station

- ✓ Dirty eyewash nozzles
- ✓ Blocked or inaccessible stations



Posted Documents

- ✓ OSHA Form 300A not posted Feb 1–Apr 30
- ✓ Documents signed by previous leadership
- ✓ Outdated names, contact information, and numbers
- ✓ Past due dates on inspection tags, where applicable

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