

TEST ANSWERS: HOUSEKEEPING AT WORK

The *BSO Plus Safety Topic* is a review designed from the BSO Plus agenda. This safety topic is your way to stay current on the safety information over the 3 years, so please ensure you submit this completed test to your employer for record retention.

1. Good housekeeping habits can be demonstrated by saving up all housekeeping issues until the end of the day.

a) True

b) False

RATIONALE: Housekeeping is an ongoing task that needs to be done continuously throughout the day, not just at the day's end.

2. If you come across a housekeeping issue that you are unable to correct, you should:

a) Cover the problem with some plywood

b) Report the problem to your supervisor

c) Avoid the area

d) Leave the problem for somebody else to fix

RATIONALE: Poor housekeeping frequently contributes to accidents by hiding hazards that cause injuries. Cleaning and organizing must be done regularly to prevent workplace hazards. Everyone is responsible for maintaining a clean work space.

3. Housekeeping, though encouraged, is optional.

a) True

b) False

RATIONALE: Certain regulations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act describe the proper maintenance of floor conditions and aisle ways, lighting, machinery, equipment, and materials storage.

4. According to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, who is responsible for housekeeping?

- a) Workers
- b) Supervisors
- c) Employers

d) All of the above

RATIONALE: Since maintaining a clean and safe workspace is a legal obligation under the Act, all workplace parties are subject to Ministry of Labour fines if they fail to ensure housekeeping practices are properly followed.

5. Employers can be fined for failing to ensure that a work surface is kept free of slip and fall hazards.

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b) False

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