

LOSS CONTROL

STEPS FOR A FORMAL HOUSEKEEPING PROGRAM

A formal housekeeping program needs to include instructions related to the overall floor maintenance:

- 1. Establish which materials are appropriate and select the suitable cleaning product specific for the contaminants.
- 2. Institute a cleaning protocol that includes a consistent floor cleaning schedule, and identifies each employee's responsibility. The cleaning schedule must establish the time of the day that the floor cleaning is completed.
- 3. Set up an employee training program for all individuals who are accountable for floor inspection, cleaning, and maintenance.
- 4. Institute a floor inspection, cleaning & maintenance log which will maintain a record of housekeeping if a litigated claim should occur.
- 5. Provide warning signs and/or barricades to isolate the hazard(s). All warning signs should follow ANSI Z535.3 1991 Criteria for Safety Symbols.

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