

Sanitation Safety

Although access to sanitary restrooms and hand washing sinks can be challenging on some construction sites, working to provide safe and clean jobsites should be a top priority for contractors.

Common Causes of Injury/Illness:

- A lack of well-maintained clean restrooms and sinks on the jobsite can lead to the spread of germs and infectious diseases, such as:
 - Flu
 - COVID – 19
 - Other common colds/illnesses
- Exposures to chemicals and toxic materials when not properly removed by hand washing.
- Cross-contamination before eating, drinking or heading home for the day.
- Inadequate disposal of trash.



Safe Work Practices

- Safe, clean, and accessible restrooms should be available on all construction sites. Standard portable restrooms—or a Portable Restroom Trailer—are a way to address on-site restroom needs.
- OSHA requires at least one restroom for every 20 workers, but the best industry practice is 1 restroom per 8 workers working a standard 40/hour work week.
- Adequate hand washing stations must also be provided on construction jobsites and workers should wash hands with soap and clean water frequently.
- Clean drinking water will also need to be provided on construction sites.
- Plan for the adequate disposal of trash; provide each jobsite with a trash dumpster suitable for the project size.
- The jobsite should be cleaned up after major tasks or at least daily; pick up all trash, scrap materials, and debris and put them in the dumpster to prevent fire and tripping hazards.



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