

A clean site is a safe site, and a safe site is a productive site

Simple question – who is going to do a better job, someone fitting a window six metres up a wonky ladder, or the guy or girl standing comfortably on a scaffolding platform surrounded by fall protection.

Or which site is going to produce a quality project – the one where the team are injured tripping over cables and debris while they look for tools or the site that is safe to walk around and people know where to find things.

A safe site is a tidy site, and a productive site.

Despite this simple truth, we are constantly amazed at the mess some contractors leave sites in!



Our inspectors have the right to refuse an inspection if the building site is untidy and presents a hazard.

We have found that if a site is untidy and disorganised that the build will be too. Other sub-contractor's visiting the site will not respect or perform their work as well as they might if they had a tidy site to work in.



Auckland Council works closely with WorkSafe NZ and will report any non-compliance. For starters, builders and sub-contractors should ensure

- Rubbish is placed in a bin on site and not strewn across the berm or footpath
- Materials should be stacked safely and the road frontage kept tidy and clear at all times
- The right PPE is worn by all on site, visitors and team alike
- Risks around falling are minimised with barriers, good use of scaffolding and secured ladders
- Site staff are trained and familiar with the equipment they are using

This list is just the start – but what perhaps matters most is the attitude and culture of safety first. Remember, it pays off with greater productivity, better quality and a happier team.