6s

5S Workplace Organisation + Safety

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What is 6S (5S + Safety)

- Seiri Sort (Clearing)
 - clearly separating necessary from unnecessary, and remove unnecessary
- Seiton Set in order (Configure)
 - visually arrange and identify items for ease of use and retrieval
- Seiso Shine & Check (Clean & Check)
 - keep the workplace clean (not pretty) to allow problems to be identified
- Seiketsu Standardise (Conformity)
 - continually monitor the level of clearing, organising and cleaning
- Shitsuke Sustain (Custom & Practice, Consensus)
 - work towards a shared set of values regarding clearing, organising and cleaning
- Safety And the 6th S:
 - improve through better clearing, organising, cleaning and visual control

Why add safety to make 6S?

- In some industries safety is far more important than in others..
- Adding as an additional step creates;
 - Greater awareness
 - More focus
 - Another chance to review

 Review each of the previous 5 steps with regards to safety;

• Sort

– All clutter removed to remove any potential hazards?

• Set in Order

- Safe placement of tools and equipment

- Heavy items not placed high where they could fall or low where they can cause strain when lifting.
- Clearance and access space to allow safe work
- Safe handling considered
 - Roller tables for moving tools
 - Hoists, scissor tables



- Highlight safety critical cleaning
- Prevent hazards
- Highlight safety in audits

- Standardize
- Standard ways of working consider safety
- Specifically highlight safety critical steps
- Highlight safety in audits
- Signage and training

• Sustain

- Feedback safety performance
- Safety awards and warnings system

Aim of 6s

• Zero accidents

• Zero near misses

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