Safety Share:
Enhancing Housekeeping with Technology

Housekeeping is critical for maintaining safe and efficient working environments. Yet despite its importance, keeping sites clean and organized can be a persistent challenge. To address this ongoing struggle, one member company took a tech-savvy approach to improve housekeeping standards: using QR codes linked to photos of properly maintained areas. This method provides a clear visual reference for workers and sets a standard for cleanliness and organization.

A Clean Site is a Safe Site – How to Enhance Housekeeping with QR Codes

1. **Identify a Problem Area**
   Choose a specific location where housekeeping is commonly a struggle. Make sure to ask front-line workers for suggestions – they know best which areas are problematic.

2. **Clean the Area**
   Clean and organize the chosen location to meet desired housekeeping standards. Remove any debris, arrange tools neatly, and ensure all safety hazards are addressed.

3. **Take a Photo**
   Once the area is cleaned to the desired standard, take a high-quality photo that clearly shows the cleanliness and organization of the space that exemplifies good housekeeping.

Stoneco Burmeister PS&G

Employees at the Burmeister S&G plant took the time to clean up and organize their storage trailer - making it easier and safer to work in.

Before   After

4. **Post the Photo Online (Internally)**
   Upload the photo to an internal website or a designated digital platform accessible to all workers. This will serve as a reference point for the expected housekeeping standards.

5. **Generate a QR Code**
   Create a QR code that links directly to the photo online. There are many free and easy-to-use QR code generators available online. Ensure the link remains accessible and is easy to navigate.

6. **Display the QR Code at the Location**
   Print the QR code and post it prominently at the cleaned location. The QR code should be placed in a durable, weather-resistant cover to protect it from the elements and daily wear and tear.

7. **Educate the Workforce**
   Inform workers about the new housekeeping initiative. Explain the purpose of the QR codes and how they can use their smartphones or other devices to scan the codes and view the photos.

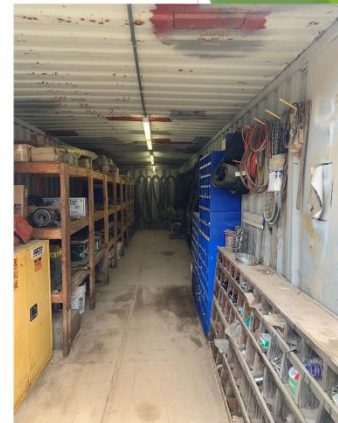8. **Monitor, Update & Gather Feedback**
   Regularly monitor the condition of the area to ensure it remains clean and organized. Periodically update the photo and QR code if a more current example is needed. Encourage workers to provide feedback on the effectiveness of this initiative. Use their input to make improvements and adjustments as necessary.