

Workplace Safety

Intro to Visual Workplace

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Visual workplace is a lean manufacturing concept that emphasizes placing visuals with critical information at the point of use. Familiarize yourself with the infographic below or download [*here*](#) to make sure every worker knows exactly what to do all the time. This translates into better safety and improved productivity, as most companies see a 15% to 30% increase in productivity after implementing a visual workplace.

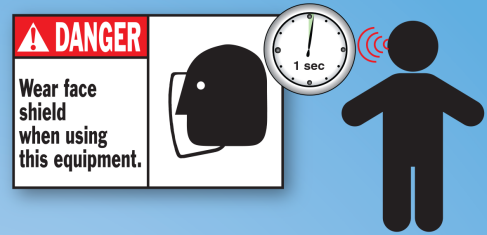
What is it?

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¹ Visual workplace is a lean manufacturing concept that emphasizes placing visuals with critical information at the point of use. Also known as: Visual Factory, Visual Management

What info should I post?

If it's critical information, it should be embedded in your physical workplace. That means right where your employees work – on their equipment, on the shelves, on the floors... anywhere they can see it at a glance for "just-in-time communication."



What visuals should I use?

Signs, labels, placards, markers, displays... you name it! Visuals can be something as simple as a line, shape or color band – whatever employees can understand at a glance.

Why is this so important?

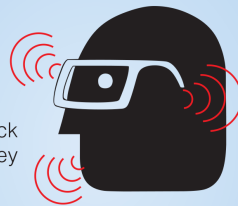
The short answer:

Visuals make sure every employee knows exactly what to do, all the time. That means better safety, and better productivity!

The long answer:

50%

or more of a facility's activities is oftentimes considered waste! Waste is primarily caused because employees lack information. If you post the info where they need it... you cut the waste!



75%

Research shows that people learn 75% of what they know visually, 13% through hearing, and 12% through smell, touch, and taste. Workplace visuals play a HUGE role in job training.

78million



baby boomers are expected to retire over the next 10-15 years. Visuals help less experienced employees learn faster and work more efficiently.



What are the benefits?

15% to 30%

Most companies see a 15-30% increase in productivity after effectively implementing a visual workplace.

Creates operational stability:

Visuals reinforce the standards you've put in place, and make sure abnormalities are quickly spotted – creating a base of operational stability for your facility.



Sustains continuous improvement:

Visuals are a key sustaining force in Kaizen initiatives. They make sure improvements remain clearly visible, readily understood, and consistently adhered to... long after the Kaizen or rapid improvement event is over!

