

10 Crucial Methods for Increasing Warehouse Efficiency

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Automate Systems

Streamline workflow processes by providing workers with clear procedures for completing tasks. Quick tool retrieval and item management are also crucial components of achieving improved warehouse organization, picking accuracy, inventory control, and operator safety.
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Use A Stock -Locator System

To reduce inventory errors, warehouse inventory systems must be able to properly identify each product and accurately report its quantity and specific location.
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Minimize Steps

Utilize effective route planning and transportation management systems. Provide procedures for automating receiving, put-away, picking, packing, and shipping.
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Maximize Space

Take full advantage of every inch of space available, all the way up to the ceiling! As a bonus, OSHA recognizes that easy-to-use pallet racking also supports safer working conditions. Win-Win!
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Evaluate Storage

Strategically evaluate future warehouse storage needs, and address how they will be met. If they are not met, will equipment such as Vertical Lift Modules, carousels, or conveyors help meet these needs?
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Optimize Labor Productivity

As labor is typically the largest cost factor in the industry, help decrease warehouse costs by effectively managing and motivating each worker, resulting in improved worker performance and production rates, increased efficiency, and decreased errors.
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Analyze and Correct

Analyze data to determine exactly what is occurring in the warehouse. Analysis aids in identifying strategies for correcting and overcoming errors, inefficiencies, operational hang-ups, and for creating future business plans.
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Keep it Clean

Efficiency goes down as messes build up, so consider implementing policies that engage employees in doing their part to ensure orderly work spaces, to promptly clear aisles, and to maintain general organization.
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Ensure Safety

Maintain a safe and healthy work environment by posting visual reminders of safety precautions, regularly discussing proper procedures, and consistently enforcing rules and boundaries that can reduce health risks and injuries.
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Continually Improve

Implement a continuous process of improvement: Establish objectives, implement actions, review results, and do it again. And again. And...

