OSHA requires emergency escape routes, electrical panel accesses and emergency eyewash & shower station accesses remain clear of equipment, tools, drums, debris, etc. at all times. Sufficient access and working space must be provided and maintained to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance.

- All emergency escape routes and doors must remain clear at all times.

- Electrical panels must have a minimum of 30” wide and 36”deep clear working area directly in front at all times. A minimum 22” wide clear access path must be maintained to electrical panels at all times.

- A minimum 22” wide clear access path must be provided to room electrical disconnects when the electrical disconnect is in use.
  
  **Note:** It is permissible to use the area in front of a room electrical disconnect when the electrical disconnect is “not in use”. “Not in use” means there is no power cord connected to the electrical disconnect and the disconnect switch is turned off. A clear access path must be provided as soon as the disconnect is “in use”.

- A minimum 22” wide clear access path must be provided to emergency eyewash & shower stations at all times. The area directly under showers must remain clear at all times.
  
  **Note:** Keep in mind eyewashes & showers are used when one or both eyes have impaired vision. An object placed in the access path could become a tripping hazard for someone with impaired vision.