

Safety Meeting

Slips, Trips & Falls

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[The Facts...]



- Slips, trips and falls are the leading cause of workplace injuries.
- Slips, trips and falls account for 20 percent of all workers' compensation costs.
- In 2007/08, slips and trips accounted for 33% of reported injuries to workers.
- Higher risk industries include construction, public administration, postal services and food manufacturing.
- Falls are the second leading cause of accidental deaths in the U.S.
- 75% of slips and trips occur on walking surfaces, such as floors, stairs and sidewalks.
- According to the National Safety Council, one-seventh of all accidental deaths are due to injuries sustained because of a fall, and approximately 12,000 lives are lost annually.
- According to the National Floor Safety Institute, every day more than 25,000 people go to hospitals with injuries due to slip and fall accidents.
- Statistics indicate that 60 percent of falls happen on the same level resulting from slips and trips and 40 percent are falls from a height.



Prevention at Work...



Slips happen where there is too little friction or traction between the footwear and the walking surface.

- Keep aisle ways free of clutter, file drawers closed, uncovered wires & cables tucked in.
- Wear slip resistant footwear, rubber soled shoes are best, wear shoes at all times.
- Keep tiled & wood floors dry, clean up spills immediately or use a “wet floor” sign to block off the area.
- Make sure all areas are well lit.
- Watch where you are going, obstructed views can cause trips.
- Always use the handrails when walking up or down stairs.



[Prevention at Home...]



Falls are one of the leading causes of accidental deaths occurring at home.

- Keep stairs, hallways and sidewalks well lit and clear of clutter.
- Plug in nightlights that automatically turn on in low-light conditions.
- Use rubber mats, no slip decals or textured surfaces on tub and shower floors.
- Use only slip-resistant mats and throw rugs.
- Promptly remove ice and mud from outdoor stairs and walkways.
- Check that sidewalks and driveways are free of holes, bulges or large cracks.
- Use decorative tape or decals to make glass doors more visible.



Accidents by Type...

Watch
Your
Step

Number of major injuries to employees by most frequent kind of accident 1996/97 to 2007/08p

