

Slips, Trips and Falls Controls

Having a well promoted 'clean as you go' housekeeping policy could greatly reduce the risk of hazards associated with slips trips and falls in your workplace.

Entry & Exit Points

- Use heavy floor mats with non-slip bases where possible
 - Replace damaged or worn floor mats
 - Ensure mats are securely fixed in position
 - Keep areas free from obstruction
 - Keep the floor area dry
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Walk-ways



- Keep areas clear from obstructions
 - Keep box and items stored appropriately
 - Keep cables and hoses away from walkways where possible
 - Use cable covers
 - Replace or repair torn carpets, mats or rugs
 - Repair or replace broken floor tiles
 - Signage indicating uneven or bumpy surfaces
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Stairs / steps

- Keep stairs and steps free from obstruction
 - Ensure the area is well lit
 - Highlight any sudden change or drop in level (luminous strips, signage)
 - Always have one hand free to hold the handrail
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Cleaning & Spills

- Clean-up spills immediately
 - Use signage when floors are wet
 - Once the floor is dry, remove 'wet floor' signage
 - Where possible segregate areas when floor cleaning is taking place
 - Soak up excess water to speed up the drying process
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Footwear

- For high-risk areas where floors are likely to be slippery, slip resistant footwear should be worn (e.g. restaurant kitchens)
 - Footwear should be appropriate for the workplace you work in.
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Do:

- ✓ Make employees aware of slip, trip and fall hazards
- ✓ Encourage 'a clean as you go policy'
- ✓ Carry out regular housekeeping inspections
- ✓ Place equipment near plug sockets to avoid trailing cables
- ✓ Keep cables off the floor where possible
- ✓ Even temporary trailing cables should be secured

Do not be dismissive of slip, trip and fall hazards. What can be perceived as a minor issue can often cause serious harm to your employees.