

Slips, Trips, & Falls

- The single most common causes of injuries at work come from SLIPS, TRIPS and FALLS.

- Make sure you now are trained in the correct use of any SAFETY and CLEANING equipment provided.

- Make sure that mats are **SECURELY FIXED** and do not have curling edges.

- Cleaning methods and equipment must be suitable for the type of SURFACE being treated.
- You may need to get advice on the appropriate method of treatment from the manufacturer or supplier.

- Lighting should enable people to see OBSTRUCTIONS, potentially slippery areas so they can work safely.
- Replace, repair or clean lights before levels become too low for safe work

- Take care not to create additional slip or trip HAZARDS while cleaning and maintenance work is being done.

- Carry out all necessary maintenance work. Include INSPECTION, TESTING, ADJUSTMENT and cleaning at suitable intervals.
- Keep records so that the system can be checked.

- Eliminate or control smoke or steam obscuring the view of the floor surface by **REDIRECTING** it away from risk areas.

- Floors need to be checked for loose FINISHES, HOLES and CRACKS, worn rugs and mats.
- Take care in the choice of floor if it is likely to become wet or dusty due to work processes.

- Choose only suitable floor surfaces, ensure LIGHTING levels are sufficient, properly plan pedestrian and traffic ROUTES and avoid OVERCROWDING.

- Obstructions and objects left lying around can easily go unnoticed and cause a trip.
- Try to keep work areas tidy and if obstructions can't be removed, warn people using signs or BARRIERS.

- FOOTWARE can play an important part in preventing slips and trips.
- Employers need to provide it if necessary to protect the safety of workers.

- Keep areas clear.
- Remove RUBBISH and do not allow garbage and clutter to build up.

- After cleaning, the floor may be wet for some time.
- Use APPROPRIATE signs to tell people the floor is still wet and arrange other travel routes.

- Place equipment to avoid CABLES crossing pedestrian routes.
- Use cable covers to securely fix to surfaces, and restrict access to prevent contact.

- Clean spills up immediately.
- If a LIQUID is greasy, use a proper cleaning agent.

- If the floor surface is about to change levels, improve the visibility of this change by providing HANDRAILS and using floor markings.

- Ensure workers' footwear has the correct type of SOLE.