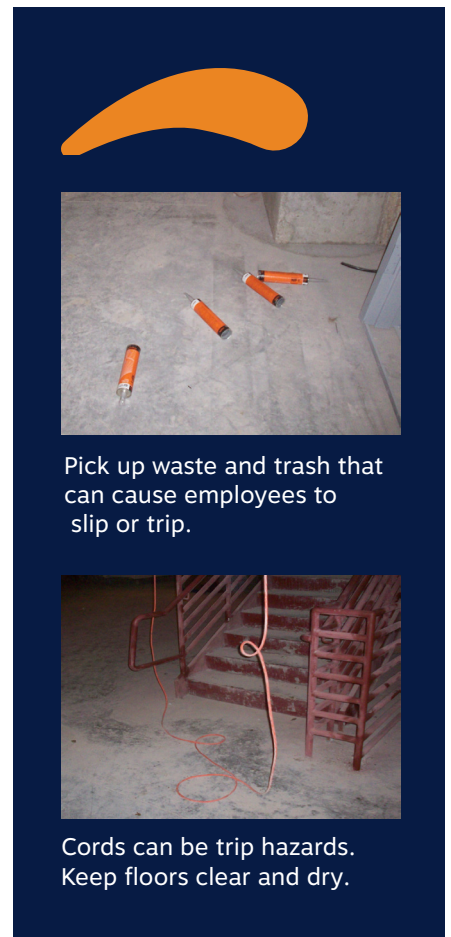


Slips and Trips: Inside Construction

Indoor slip and trip hazards are more controllable than outdoor hazards because the work environment is less exposed to weather. Water, ice and snow usually do not blow into buildings with windows. But it can still be tracked in, or be blown in through openings not yet enclosed. Employees can leave slip and trip hazards behind in the form of waste, scrap and trash. Trip hazards can be as low as ¼ feet. Remember that roughly 80 construction employees die from falls from a standing position. Review this tool box talk with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

- Pay attention to your walking path.
- Stay off of the phone and do not text while you are walking through a job site.
- Do not run.
- Supervisors must review slip, trip and fall prevention methods with employees, especially when winter weather gets difficult.
- Flag trip hazards with high visibility paint or caution tape.
- Wear appropriate construction footwear with an aggressive sole. Worn soles won't protect you from slips. Purchase boots with slip-resistant properties.
- Concrete floors can sweat during the day and freeze over at night.
- Assign an employee to pick up scrap on a regular basis. Even small bits of scrap must be picked up.
- Take time to clean off boots before coming inside. Do not drag mud and water inside.
- Use a wet dry vacuum to pick up water. Use a squeegee to push water into drains or out the door.



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