

Slip Prevention

General Safety

From the estimated 3.8 million disabling injuries each year in the work force, 15 percent are due to slips, trips, or falls, which account for 12 to 15 percent of all worker compensation costs. The average direct cost for one disabling injury now approaches \$28,000. Review the following safety tips with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

WHAT CAUSES SLIPS?

- Slippery walkway surfaces — water, dirt, ice or grease.
- Inadequate footwear—poor slip resistance.
- Poor lighting—walkers cannot see hazards on the floor or ground.
- Transitions from non-slippery to slippery conditions such as carpet to tile.

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

- Inspect floor surfaces often.
- During inspections, have mops or squeegees ready to take care of wet floors immediately.
- Place warning signs at damp or wet areas.
- Send an email to employees and advise them to wear proper footwear and walk carefully during wet, snowy or icy weather.
- Be diligent and keep plenty of ice melt down along curbs, ramps and doorway entrances, where people are likely to slip.



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