

Toolbox Talk

Slips, Trips and Falls



What?

- There are many things, which can cause slips, trips and falls in the workplace such as liquid lying on floors, materials and cables in walkways, damaged floors or carpets etc.
- Many of these conditions are easily dealt with but all too often people see them and simply walk on by leaving the hazard behind
- By eliminating the contributing unsafe conditions in the workplace that lead to slips, trips and falls, you can stop someone harming themselves or a fellow site worker
- Slips and trips are the most common of workplace hazards and make up over a third of all major injuries
- Over 10,000 workers suffer serious injury because of a slip or trip in the UK every year

Why?

- Slips, trips and falls result in a high number of accidents each year and a great deal can be done to prevent them, but requires commitment and action to reduce the risks
- They are often disproportionately costly, both to the individual because of pain and suffering and to the organisation (because of lost time or the cost of sick pay etc.)
- Look out for hazards like bad lighting, uneven floors and trailing cables



Do



- ✓ Clear up spills immediately
- ✓ Check there are no trailing cables, obstructions or damaged floors which could trip people up
- ✓ Take care when using stairs and keep a firm hold of the handrail, especially when descending
- ✓ Keep floors tidy and don't leave things lying on the floor pick them up
- ✓ Put waste bins in a safe place and keep walkways or passageways clear at all times
- ✓ Exercise caution when walking over washed or waxed floors

Don't



- ✗ Stand and hold a conversation on stairways
- ✗ Leave materials and cables in areas people may walk
- ✗ Forget to put up warning signs such as wet floor etc.
- ✗ Ignore tripping hazards eliminate them where you can

