



# Slips, Trips, and Falls



The potential for slips, trips and falls can be widespread, but it is important to understand where, on your premises, the greatest potential for danger lies.

Some hazards associated with slip, trip and fall injuries include:

- Slippery surfaces, such as a gloss-finished tile, polished stone, etc.
- Holes or broken surfaces.
- Uneven walking surfaces.
- Poorly marked and/or poorly lit walkway transitions.
- Wet surfaces caused by spills or poor drainage.
- Slippery conditions due to mud, ice or water during inclement weather.

## **Things you can do to prevent Slips, Trips, and Falls:**

Routine inspection and maintenance should be a regular part of your safety program to help prevent falls for both your visitors and employees.

- Design your entrances and walkways to accommodate the expected volume of foot traffic through your business.
- Conduct periodic walk-through surveys of your work area to help ensure your property is kept in safe condition.
- Ensure all walkways are properly lit.
- Always keep eyes “On Path” when walking or working on uneven surfaces.
- Maintain all flooring surfaces at all times...maintain good **housekeeping** of work area throughout the day.
- Use “wet floor” signs to warn of known hazards.
- Have spill cleanup supplies readily available.
- Ensure that entry areas are properly maintained and any mats are secured.

***If you see a slip, trip, and fall hazard, fix it on the spot!!***