

# Slip Prevention



*From the estimated 3.8 million disabling injuries each year in the work force, 15% are due to slips, trips, or falls. The average direct cost for one disabling workers compensation injury now approaches \$30,000. Review the following slip prevention 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 — carpet to tile.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

- Inspect floor surfaces often.
- Clean up spills immediately after discovery.
- Place warning signs at damp or wet areas.
- Advise employees to wear proper footwear and walk carefully during wet, snowy or icy weather.
- Keep ice melt down along curbs, ramps and doorway entrances, where people are likely to slip.



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