

Toolbox No. 10	Issue No. 1	Date: May 2023
	TOOL BOX TALK	
	<u>Slips, Trips and Falls</u>	

Scope:

Slips, Trips and Falls accounted for 29% of all worker non-fatal injuries in 2019/20 making it the most common accident type for the period.

Incidents may be attributed to several factors from poorly maintained equipment, poorly lit work areas, spillages, trip hazards, housekeeping, inappropriate footwear, environmental factors through to a lack of concentration.

Things to Consider:

Working Environment – smooth and even flooring, adequate lighting, TPM and maintenance, Bunding for chemicals and known leaks, coverage for floor openings.

Selection of Equipment – correct specification of machinery and work equipment, appropriate footwear for the working environment, suitable matting and flooring covers, availability of the correct spill kit for the likely spillages

Communications and Signage – clean up – housekeeping policy, visible markings / differentiation in change of levels, signage to warn of slippery floor conditions etc.

Environmental Factors – rain, ice, snow, dust, time of day

Human Factors – rushing, distraction, 5S culture, closing drawers and cupboards after use, not leaving things on the floor etc.



Takeaway Points:

According to the HSE, studies show that the biggest barriers to getting management and workers to act are:

- Not taking the risks seriously.
- Not understanding the causes of slipping.

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- Thinking that slips and trips are inevitable.
- Poor application of risk assessment and management controls.

Applicable Legislation:

The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (HSW Act) requires employers to ensure the health and safety of their employees so far as reasonably practicable.

Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 – requires the employer to make a suitable and sufficient risk assessment and act upon the findings

The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 requires floors to be suitable, in good condition and free of obstructions

Related Documents:

HSE Slips and Trips Check List

[Slips and trips: Hazard spotting checklist \(hse.gov.uk\)](#)

HSE Speakers pack power point presentations

[Presentations - Slips and trips - HSE](#)

Training Aid – Napo video link

[Napo in... no laughing matter | NAPO \(napofilm.net\)](#)

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