



PLANT & TOOL HIRE

Slips & Trips

Tool Box Talk

Break a leg at work

Slips & Trips are some of the most common causes of injury within the workplace. Take due care...Always.



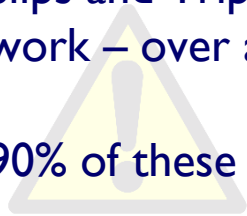
Slips and Trips Facts

Slips and Trips are the most common cause of major injuries at work – over a third

90% of these are broken bones

The cost to the industry is substantial - £500 million per year

Slips and Trips also account for over half of all reported injuries to the public.



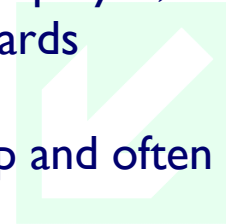
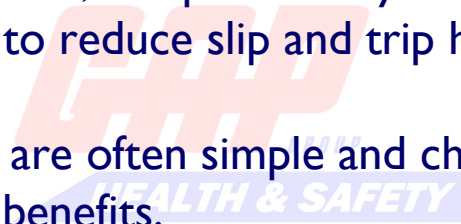
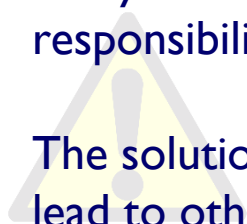


Who is responsible?

Everyone at work, but particularly the employer, has a responsibility to reduce slip and trip hazards

The solutions are often simple and cheap and often lead to other benefits.

Most injuries from Slips and Trips occur because of poor housekeeping.

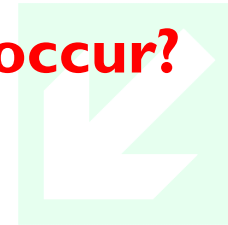
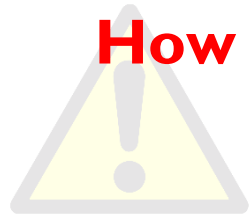




Management

A good management system will help to identify problem areas and will often help decide what actions should be taken.

We all have our part to play in keeping a good standard of housekeeping on any site or office.



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Coiled cables

Hand tools

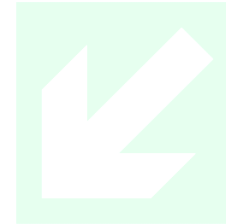
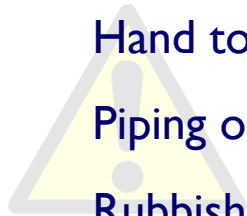
Piping or timber

Rubbish

Spilled substances such as oils, greases

Slopes

Unsuitable footwear





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Change from wet to dry weather

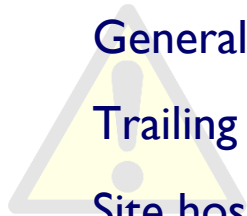
General debris such as bricks and blocks

Trailing cables

Site hoses

Mud left on the rungs of a ladder

No suitable lighting in place during winter afternoons and working at night





What can you do about it?

- Clear up waste materials as you create them
- Do not leave tools, equipment or unused materials lying around
- Ensure materials are stacked correctly and in the right storage area
- When using substances which may spill, ensure that you have the means for clearing up any spillages correctly.
- Ensure that routes for cables for power tools are routed in the most appropriate manner i.e. at above head height or routed on the ground level but not across walkways. You could also use cordless tools.





What can you do about it?

- If site is muddy, scrape mud off your boots before climbing ladders.
- Beware of the risks while working on winter afternoons and at night, ensure that suitable lighting is in place and that all tools, materials and equipment are stored in suitable storage locations.
- Ensure that appropriate PPE is worn where provided i.e. footwear, gloves , hard hat etc.



REMEMBER!

- Clear up as you go and don't cause someone to be seriously injured
- Report all incidents no matter how unimportant you think it is
- All near misses should also be reported.
- By working together you will make a difference.

