

Slips, trips, and falls hazard assessment

Use this checklist to evaluate your workplace for slip, trip, and fall hazards. It's designed to stop the fall by addressing surfaces, footwear, and discusses actions you can take.

Footwear	Yes	No	Notes
Is there a footwear policy? Are staff held accountable to the policy?			
Can employees choose the right footwear and know when to replace it?			
Are there footwear inspections? Is there a process for employees with inappropriate footwear?			
Is there a program to help employees purchase safe footwear?			
Is there a hazard assessment to determine the best footwear for the job?			
Surfaces: Parking lot and grounds	Yes	No	Notes
Do you inspect grounds and parking lots for hazards?			
Are edges of curbs and bumpers highly visible?			
Are parking lots well lit, especially during winter?			
Do you have an inclement weather plan? Does it include who will clear walkways or apply de-icer?			
Are inclement weather supplies available for winter weather?			
Do sidewalks and parking areas have raised surfaces because of tree roots or other damage? Do you address those areas?			
Do tire bumpers stick out past the wheels of parked vehicles creating a trip hazard for pedestrians walking between cars?			
Surfaces: Stairs	Yes	No	Notes
Does staff use handrails? Do they know how to carry materials safely on stairs?			
Are the steps and stair edges in good repair?			
Are stair edges painted or marked to increase visibility?			
Is there a process to address unsafe behavior on stairs?			
Are stairways well lit?			
Are staff trained on "no running" and "look where you are going and go where you are looking" rules?			
Are staff trained how to carry a box slightly off to the side of the body to maintain better visibility?			
Are staff trained to use shorter steps with ankles slightly turned out when walking on slippery surfaces?			

Surfaces: Wet floors	Yes	No	Notes
Do employees take immediate action if they discover a spill?			
Are spill response kits available and well-stocked?			
Are mops and mop buckets available and accessible?			
Are wet floor signs available and used?			
Are wet floor signs removed when the floor is dry?			
Are there areas where slip hazards like water or oil regularly contact the floor? Can they be reduced or eliminated?			
Do floor surfaces have high risk of a slip, trip, or fall? Can the hazard be reduced?			
When replacing floors, do you select floor surfaces that will minimize the risk of slip, trip, and fall injuries?			
Are floor treatments, floor mats, or rugs being used in high-risk areas?			
Are mats in good condition, edges lying flat, and prevented from sliding on the floor?			
Are transition areas adequately protected? Is the lighting good in transition areas?			
Do you have a cleaning log or schedule?			
Are staff trained on using cleaning products and cleaning procedures? Are cleaning practices reviewed and checked for improvements?			
Is routine cleaning (for example, mopping) scheduled at a time to minimize the risk to other workers?			
Are mats designed to get mud or other debris off shoes placed at entryways?			
Do you have umbrella covers/stands by entryways?			
Actions	Yes	No	Notes
Do current housekeeping practices support safety?			
Are housekeeping standards clear? Are employees required to meet housekeeping expectations?			
Are staff recognized for keeping tidy work areas?			
Are walkways and aisles marked?			
Are walkways and aisles clear?			
Are all exits and exit pathways clear?			
Are work areas clear of trip hazards (hoses, boxes, etc.)?			
Is staff trained on slip, trip, and fall prevention topics (housekeeping, walking speed, and hazard identification)?			
Do you keep data on the effectiveness of prevention efforts?			
Are hoses and cords rolled up when not in use?			
Do you use hose reels, cord reels, or self-coiling hoses?			
Are computer cords hanging into walkways?			
Could extension cords be replaced with permanent wiring?			
Are the cords in walkways covered and secured?			