

Slips, Trips and Falls

October 2019

Intended Audience:
All indoor operational staff

Employee Brief

Introduction

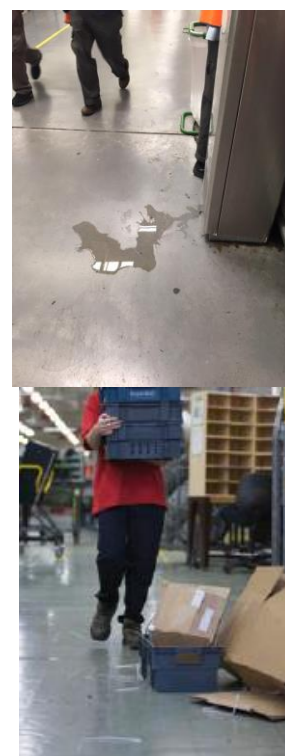
Slips, trips and falls (STFs) remain the biggest cause of serious injury. By keeping our work area clear and tidy we can reduce the likelihood of anyone getting injured.

Overview

Typical STF hazards to be alert to include:

- **Slippery Surfaces** - caused by:
 - Spillages of cleaning materials or drinks
 - Leaking pipes
 - Leaking water fountain
 - Freshly mopped floors
 - General wet weather footfall
- **Obstructions in walkways or on the floor**
 - Containers
 - Trays or bags
 - Work equipment
 - Tools
 - Personal belongings
 - Electrical flex plugged in equipment
 - Temporary barriers / cones

There are many more - what do think we could improve on in our work area/unit?



Actions

- Keep your work area clear and tidy - good housekeeping reduces the chance of injury
- Don't read and walk - looking down at your phone or other device means you can't see what's ahead
- Don't walk by if you see a hazard - sort it out or report it to a manager
- Make sure your footwear is in good condition with good tread.
- Stick to walkways /designated routes
- Apply the 'Look, Consider, Decide' approach:

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Look for Hazards

Consider the Risk

Decide What to do
Safely