# Slips, Trips, and Falls – Motion Picture



Every year, workers are injured on the job from slips, trips, and falls. This can result in a minor injury like a sprain, strain, or bruise but it can also be more serious like a head injury. Preventative measures are crucial.

**Slips** happen when there's insufficient grip or traction between footwear and the walking surface.

**Trips** happen when a loss of balance occurs when a foot collides with an object or a misstep.

Falls are a direct result of a loss of footing or contact with the ground.

Here are some suggestions on how to stay safe when working around slip, trip and fall hazards.



# Common slips, trips and falls and preventative measures:



#### Housekeeping

- × Construction crews leave debris as they work, creating tripping hazards.
- Practice good housekeeping. Pick up trash and clutter and put things away after using them. Keep walkways and exits clear.

#### WorksafeBC Regulations 4.39, 4.41



#### Lighting

× Shooting areas can be dark, making it hard to see tripping hazards.

✓ Make sure there is adequate lighting throughout all work areas.

WorksafeBC Regulation 4.65 (1)



# Clutter

- × Gears and equipments can be a tripping hazard.
- ✓ Ensure fire lanes, walkways or exits remain accessible and clear.

## WorksafeBC Regulation 4.39

## Walking Surface

- × Uneven walking surface, even  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch can be a tripping hazard.
- ✓ Watch out for floors that are uneven.

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#### Cords and Cables

- × Cords and cables placed in working areas can be a tripping hazard.
- ✓ Cover cables and or cords with cable mats, carpets, or brightly colored tape.

WorksafeBC Regulation 4.39



## Snow and Ice

- $\times$  Snow, Ice can be a slip, trip and fall hazard.
- ✓ Clear snow and ice. Use de-icer to help keep walkways clear.
- Choose footwear with good traction. Spikes or studs that grip the ice will provide better traction.
- ✓ Keep entrance ways clear of water from melting snow and put-up caution signs.

#### WorksafeBC Regulation 4.1

# Footwear

- × Footwear without proper or worn-out grip can cause a worker to slip and fall.
- ✓ Choose proper footwear for the task and conditions.

WorksafeBC Regulation 8.2 (1)

It's important to document your assessments on paper, and review them on a regular basis. If the requirements of a scene change, you may need to do a re-assessment.

# Attendees (attach Sign-in Sheet if needed):

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