



## PREVENTING SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

### Use Strategies to Avoid the Second Leading Cause of Workplace Injuries: Slips, Trips and Falls

Utilizing good housekeeping practices, good safety habits, and conducting regular hazard assessments helps to prevent slips, trips and falls.

#### Additional common avoidance methods are as follows:

- Using signage that raise awareness to potential hazards.
- Ensuring all walkways are properly lit.
- Proper maintenance of flooring surfaces.
- Leveling of walking surfaces.
- Marking walkway transitions.
- Slip resistant floor treatments, especially in frequently wet areas.
- Immediate cleanup or remediation of wet surfaces.
- Ensuring that spill cleanup supplies are readily available.
- Proper maintenance of entry areas, including securing entry mats.
- Proper hand holds and/or guardrails.
- Relocation of wires, electrical equipment, tools, materials and furniture out of walkways.
- Traction enhanced footwear.
- Walk, don't run.
- Prompt investigations of incidents with root cause findings documented and remedial actions identified.
- Immediate safety discussions with all staff to share findings and actions taken to avoid recurrence.

