

2.15 Slips, Trips and Falls

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Falls both from heights and as a result of slips and trips are a common cause of injury and death.

Trips over cords or material lying in aisle ways, slipping on wet or greasy surfaces or tripping on stairs or uneven surfaces can also cause serious injuries.

Slipping and tripping hazards may go unnoticed because they have become too familiar.

Procedure

- Work areas should be kept tidy and passages or aisle ways kept clear of obstructions.
- Spills should be cleaned up immediately.
- Rubbish should be disposed of in the appropriate place.
- Equipment should be stored in correct places.
- Drawers, cords and hand tools shouldn't be left open or where others can trip over them.
- Uneven or worn surfaces or mats should be reported and fixed.
- Equipment waiting for maintenance should be stored out of aisles and passages.
- Don't use chairs, stools or crates to reach high shelves or machinery.
- Footwear should be suitable to the type of work performed.