

TOOL BOX TALKS

Cafeteria Safety

Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention



An employee tripped over a drainage grate, fell, and severely injured a knee. It was later found that the grate was not secured properly and would routinely cause a hazard. Review these cafeteria safety tips with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

1. Take action by reporting all slip and trip hazards. It's everyone's responsibility to keep work areas safe and injury-free.
2. Report to work with plenty of rest and free from the aftereffects of drugs and alcohol.
3. Wear good-quality closed-toe footwear with slip-resistant soles.
4. Scan your walking path for hazards and do not text while walking.
5. Clear all aisles and passageways of objects that create slip hazards.
6. Clean up spills immediately and place wet floor signage in the area.
7. Use a proper ladder or step stool to access objects on high shelves. Never stand on chairs, milk crates or buckets.
8. Change mop heads frequently to help minimize dirt and grease transferring to floors.
9. Clean floors only with detergent specifically created for that purpose. Consider using a cleaner that enhances slip resistance.
10. Check to make sure floor mats are lying flat and are dry. Crumpled and wet mats create slip and trip hazards.
11. Keep supply delivery areas free of snow, ice buildup and debris.
12. Make sure dumpster areas are clean and well lit. Snow, ice, grease and liquid buildup can cause slippery conditions on concrete and asphalt.
13. Use elevators instead of stairs when possible.
14. When stairs must be used:
 - Do not carry items that block your path or vision.
 - Maintain contact with the handrail.
 - Keep stairs clean and clear of obstructions.

Clean and dry floors are key in preventing cafeteria slips and trips.

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