

TOOL BOX TALKS

Shop Slips & Trips

Slip and trip hazards are common, but they're hazards that can be controlled by a little diligence. Look at the contributing factors to these falls. Water from thawing vehicles, grease, oil spills and coolants produce very slick floors. Just about all maintenance involves an extension cord or air hose, which are trip hazards when being used and when left out after use. Take extra time to organize hoses and cords, clean up spills and organize parts and scrap piles.

WORKSAFE TIPS

- Wear appropriate footwear with aggressive tread and slip-resistant properties.
- Tennis shoes are minimal protection. They don't have slip-resistant properties or aggressive tread.
- Slow down and pay attention to the walking surface! Never run in the shop area.
- Do not leave tools, hoses or cords on the floor after the job is done.
- Refrain from leaving tools or parts on the floor around your feet. Keep the immediate work area clear. A tool can roll an ankle.
- Use proper step stools, ladders or platforms when working on tall machines.
- Do not stand on improper platforms like tires, engine valve covers when performing maintenance.
- To facilitate quick cleanup, keep brooms, squeegees and towels in the immediate area near maintenance bays.
- Put floor dry on any spills.



Pick up cords and hoses when you're done using them.



Scrap piles should not create trip hazards.



Oils, greases are ground into floors over time, making them very slick when wet.



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