TOOL BOX TALKS
Retail Slips & Trips: Indoors

Falls are pervasive across all industries including retail. Falls from a standing position are the most common type of fall, and are especially dangerous because of the injuries they produce. Strains, sprains, back and hip injuries can result. These injuries can be minor, but requiring surgery. Employees trip over furnishings, decorations and fixtures. Employees slip on shrink wrapping, wet concrete floors or tiles that have become loose. Review these safety tips with your employees and encourage safety at work.

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.

- Scan ahead when walking through the store.

- Slow down, pay attention and do not run.

- Clean up spills of water immediately.

- Do not leave piles of cardboard, paper or straps – they can cause a co-worker to trip and fall.

- Get help when moving heavy loads. Plan the lift and the path.

- Do not leave carts or dollies in aisles or paths.

- Keep storage area aisles clear of boxes or supplies that could cause a trip.

- Keep trash cans emptied. Workers are more likely to correctly dispose of trash when the cans are empty.

- Push in desk chairs when they are not in use.

- Do not place extension cords in aisles.

- Close all file cabinet and desk drawers when they are not in use.

Floor slabs can rise, creating trip hazards.

Keep storage areas clean and clear of strain, sprain and trip hazards.

In winter, water is tracked inside.
Prevent slips: \Clean up water and spills.

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