

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Classroom Safety

### School Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention



A fifth grade teacher was accessing an overhead storage area in the classroom. A stepstool was available but she decided to stand on a chair. She fell injuring her wrist and shoulder.

#### Tool Box Tips

1. Take a few minutes to find and fix hazards that could hurt you in the classroom.
2. Report any injury or unsafe condition immediately. Prompt reporting of unsafe situations could prevent an injury.
3. Do not run with scissors.
4. Wear appropriate footwear during outdoor activities or when in the parking lot.
5. Use appropriate ladders or step stools when hanging decorations or educational materials. Never stand on chairs, desks, crates or shelves.
6. Look out for toys, blocks, coats and backpacks that could be strewn across the floor.
7. Use carts, dollies and furniture carts when moving classroom furnishings and supplies. Ask for help to lift heavy objects.
8. Take time to tape down cords that could cause a trip hazard.
9. Watch out for damaged tile and curled carpeting or floor mats. Obstructions as little as ¼ inch in height can cause a trip.
10. Keep classroom floors clean and dry by having spill clean up supplies at hand at all times.

**Chairs  
are meant  
for sitting in,  
never for  
standing on.**

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