

Safety Bulletin

Slip, Trip & Fall Prevention - Hospitality

Remember: there is no substitute for a clean, dry floor!

Falls (on the same and different levels, inside and outside) have been a leading cause of injuries. Experience indicates that these high accident rates are frequently the result of slips and falls on wet and greasy floors.

- The work area should be free of all conditions that are conducive to falls
- Exercise care to prevent slips, trips, and falls

Together, let us prevent painful slip and fall accidents. Everyone needs to be aware of their responsibility to keep their work area clean and free of debris

Teamwork for safety!

- Clean-as-you-go!
- Report unsafe conditions and practices to supervisors – especially certain areas or situations conducive to falls
- Safely perform tasks
- Focus on the most common causes of slips & falls and how to prevent them

One of the leading causes of injuries are falls. Slippery floors and spilled food are the most frequent causes of falls.

Report Unsafe Conditions

- Report all conditions that could lead to falls, or injury, (i.e. broken steps, broken sidewalks, blocked aisles, etc.)
- Report any slips, trips, or falls no matter how minor
- While an employee may trip and fall today and not get hurt, another might trip and fall tomorrow and break a bone
- Near misses should be reported and corrected as soon as possible



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Mopping and Cleaning Procedures

- Schedule cleaning during off-hours
- Clear the floor of as much movable equipment as possible, then sweep the entire floor to remove loose particles
- Secure the area to be cleaned; use floor warning cones to mark off the area to be closed
- Any time a wet floor condition is identified or mopping is in process, wet floor signs should be displayed at all pedestrian approaches to the wet floor area
- Highly visible safety cones (35"–37" in height) are the recommended floor warning signs
- Use the appropriate floor cleaner for the type of floor
- Scrub the floor with a stiff-bristled brush to help loosen and remove any grease

Proper Footwear

Everyone should wear slip resistant safety shoes in good condition.

Loading Docks

Ensure barriers are used (chains, rails, visible paint) to prevent falls. The loading dock surface should be clean and free of grease/debris. Have ice melt/salt available during winter months.

Floor Mats

Floor mats should have beveled edges, be in good condition and placed properly, not overlapping, with the correct side up.

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Slip, Trip, & Fall Prevention Meeting Attendance Form

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Meeting Conducted by (Print Name)

Date (mm/dd/yy)

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Location

Department

Placed in Employee
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Meeting Attendance (Print Name Legibly)
