

# Slip-Resistant Shoes

Slip-resistant shoes are different from other shoes. They increase traction in slippery environments by using special sole materials and tread design. These differences result in a sole that is generally softer and more pliable. These special tread designs effectively channel liquids up and away from the bottom of the sole.

## How can I determine if the shoe is slip resistant?

Look for "Slip Resistant" stamped on the sole. If it is only written on the box, the shoes may be of lesser quality and not highly effective at preventing slips. Please note that the words, "oil resistant" do not mean slip resistant. Shoe comfort is key, so choose a brand and style that provide maximum comfort.

## Where can you purchase slip-resistant shoes?

Purchasing directly from a manufacturer, such as Shoes for Crews, that specializes in this type of footwear is a good approach. Shoes for Crews offers a 60-day "wear and return" guarantee, no questions asked. Check them out at: [www.shoesforcrews.com](http://www.shoesforcrews.com).

If you prefer to buy locally, you can find options at Wal-Mart, Payless, and other retailers.

## The Difference

- Slip-resistant shoes may look like any other shoe on the top side, but the sole material and tread design are different.
- This sole has deep channels, which are both wide and narrow, that make for great performance on wet and greasy surfaces.
- Industries like restaurants, food preparation, hotels, senior communities, nursing homes, hospitals, and schools typically require workers to wear these types of shoes, as they have experienced a significant decrease in slip fall injuries.

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