

TOOL BOX TALKS

Job Site Slips, Trips and Falls

Construction Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Slips, trips and falls are a leading cause of injury on a construction job site. These types of hazards are easy to overlook, but can be prevented through awareness, housekeeping and training.

Tool Box Tips

1. All employees are responsible for removing and preventing slip, trip and fall hazards.
2. Wear appropriate footwear for potential construction job site hazards.
3. Provide and use gravel walkways through muddy areas.
4. Provide and use safe access points into structures.
5. Keep scrap materials and cords clear of walkways and steps.
6. Schedule regular scrap material pickups and use large dumpsters to handle regular cleanups.
7. Sweep up dirt, scrap material and trash.
8. Remove debris and scrap material from around work machines.
9. Install guard railing on exposed stair openings.
10. Remove or cover protruding rebar, plumbing, nails and loose boards.
11. Protect holes with a strong cover that's secured and marked "hole."
12. Larger holes must have a guard railing installed around the hole perimeter.
13. Remove snow and ice from walkways and use ice melt.

Keep the job site clear of debris and extra materials.

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