

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Retail Slips & Trips: Outdoors

Falls are pervasive across all industries, including retail. Slips and trips cause falls that are very painful for employees. Retail workers must work in the store but also in warehouses or outside unloading trucks. Hazards should be controlled in these areas. Employees must pay close attention to where they walk, and to the hazards at ground level. Discuss the safety tips in this document and encourage safety in your workplace.

### 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.
- Slow down and pay attention to the walking surface.
- Choose the safest path to the door. The safest path may not be the shortest route.
- Scan ahead when walking in parking lots.
- Use only cleared pathways.
- Report ice and snow buildups that create hazards. If ice melt is available, use it.
- Pay attention to where you step.
- Watch out for trash.
- Use slip-on ice cleats to prevent slips.
- Don't carry too much, bulky or heavy items.
- Park as close to the building as you can.
- Do not run or walk fast. Walk slowly and methodically in icy or snowy conditions.
- Wipe up spills that are tracked inside.



Signs can create trip hazards.



Sidewalk slabs float, creating trip hazards.



The condition of this doorway is unacceptable. Clear snow and ice.



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