

10 STEPS TO A SAFE NON-SLIP WORKPLACE

Each year thousands of people are reported to suffer easily preventable injuries from a slip, trip, stumble, tumble or fall, that causes simple medically treated cuts, bruises, fractures, dislocations or in the worst case, a fatality. Almost one quarter of all serious insurance claims in Australia were from slips, trips, stumbles, tumbles or falls, and over a period of 12 years to 2015, 386 workers died.



ENVIRONMENT

Ensure all work areas are well lit and you can see and hear clearly around all pedestrian access areas.



OBSTACLES

Clear all obstacles that could cause a slip, trip, stumble, tumble or fall risk, such as boxes, tables, ladders, chairs, cables etc.

Identify and control all workplace hazards.



CLEANING

Keep work areas clean and tidy. Clear debris away from aisles and passageways promptly.

Make sure all spills are completely removed as soon as they happen.



STAIRS, STEPS, LANDINGS, PLATFORMS, RAMPS, WALKWAYS, ENTRANCES AND LADDER RUNGS

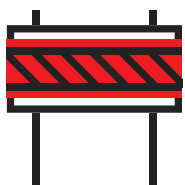
Check slippery steel steps and stair edges for signs of wear, debris or liquids spills.

Steps on vehicles, moving plant and equipment should have a visible anti-slip surface.

Does the leading step edge need to be protected with non-slip stair nosings?

Portable and fixed ladder rungs need to be antislip covered or coated to prevent slips and falls.

Any walkway area surface even those that are sloped, uneven, oily, naturally bumpy can be cleaned and have a protective non-slip coating added to provide suitable traction.



SIGNAGE

Sign post all potential slip hazardous areas.



EQUIPMENT

Don't take short cuts, use the right equipment for the task or job.

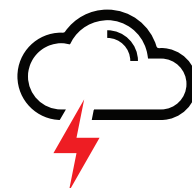


FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING

Ensure appropriate footwear with suitable non-slip soles are worn.

Make sure gloves have good grip, dexterity and cut protection.

Shirts or safety vests should be Hi-Viz. Reflective tape should have suitable luminosity and retro-refectivity.



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Operate outdoor equipment only when preparations are made to suit the weather conditions, for example: rain, storms, high temperatures or high winds.



PEOPLE

When staff are set work tasks, make sure they are properly qualified and have the appropriate training for that task.



SLIPPERY WORK SURFACE FLOORS

Plant and machinery, bathrooms, Kitchens, lunch rooms can be cleaned and protected with a suitable non-slip surface to provide additional traction. Highlight any uneven surfaces.