



FALLS
cause deaths
and
serious injuries



“Preventing Slips, Trips,
and Falls
in the Workplace”



In the news...

“A 58 year old man died shortly before noon Friday after falling off a house roof in Ottawa's east end.”

“While washing the floor in a doorway, a worker slipped on the wet floor and fell. The worker was wearing a ring, which caught on the striker plate of the door, severing

In the news...

“A 58-year-old man is dead after a fall Tuesday at a construction site in Leduc. Shortly before noon, the man was working at a condominium complex when he fell four metres from a loft to the floor below.”

“A young Saskatchewan construction worker died

Let's look at this...

SLIP: A sliding motion where the foot loses traction with the floor, ground or surface resulting in a loss of balance





Sudden changes:

- A dry to a wet or oily spot
- A change in floor surface
- Unsecured rugs, carpets or other types of flooring
- Improper footwear for conditions
- Weather conditions

Let's look at this...

TRIP: Involves a loss of balance when the natural movement of the foot is interfered with momentarily.



"...have a nice trip...!"



Trip Hazards

- Obstructed view
- Clutter in the way
- Poor lighting
- Curled or wrinkled floor mats
- Worn stair treads
- Cables, wires, hoses
- Uneven surfaces, cracked sidewalks
- Footwear in poor condition

Let's look at this...

FALL: A drop in height of the human body



"...see ya next fall...!"



How Falls Happen

Falls from the same level

- follow slips or trips
- openings, holes, ledges, docks
- unsafe surfaces (exposed rebar)

Falls from heights

- stairs
- furniture being used improperly or broken
- unprotected heights more than 3 metres (10')
- stools, ladders, scaffolds, elevation equipment
- or unsafe surfaces

Prevention!!!

- Mind on the task!!!
- Eyes on task!!!
- Not Being In the
Line of Fire!!!

Losing our Balance,
Traction or Grip!!!



Prevention!!!

Rushing
Frustration
Fatigue
Complacency



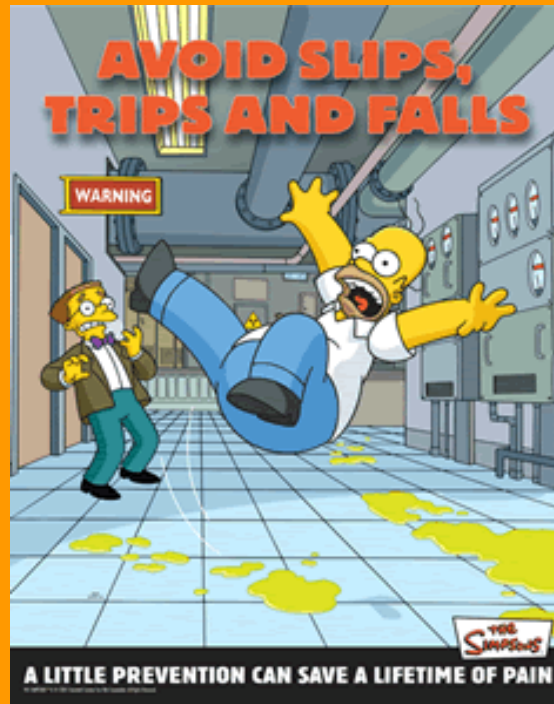
Prevention!!!

Housekeeping



Prevention!!!

Flooring



Prevention!!!

Footwear



Prevention!!!

As a Supervisor...



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