

# PREVENTING SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS: CONSTRUCTION SITES

## SAFETY TALK

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Falls can happen anywhere, but they are especially likely at a construction site. You can keep your work site safe by taking proactive steps to eliminate hazards. Remember to report unsafe conditions that you cannot correct to your supervisor immediately. Most slips, trips, and falls are preventable.

## WHAT TO AVOID

1. Debris, lumber, tools, and equipment scattered over the floor
2. Slippery areas from ice or spills
3. Materials or tools placed in stairways
4. Worn tread and shaky handrails on stairs
5. Improper ladder placement
6. Improper use of scaffolding
7. Hurrying

## CHECKLIST

- Are construction sites regularly cleared of lumber, debris, equipment, and tools?
- Are oil and grease spills cleaned up immediately?
- Are walkways and parking lots clear of ice and/or treated?
- Are temporary handrails and barricade rails placed on stairs?
- Are floor openings and pits barricaded or securely covered?
- Is ladder safety practiced? See the Ladder Safety Checklist for more ways to stay safe.
- Is scaffolding safety practiced? Check out the Scaffolding Safety Checklist to stay safe.

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What conditions can you think of at our workplace that could cause an accident?
2. How can we address those hazards?
3. Are there any specific points or problems you wish to discuss?

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