TOOLBOX TALK

FLOOR SAFETY & WALKING-WORKING SURFACES ▼

29 CFR 1910.22

Slips, trips and falls to the same level are the second leading cause of lost work time injuries (sprains and strains are number one). Keeping these surfaces clean, dry and clear can minimize the chance for incidents.

Walking-working surfaces are "horizontal or vertical surfaces on or through which workers walk, work or gain access to work areas or workplace locations" [29 CFR 1910.21(b)]. They include surfaces such as:

- Floors
- Stairways
- Roofs
- Ladders
- Runways
- Ramps
- Aisles and walkways
- Dockboards
- Platforms
- Step bolts

Here are five things you can do to avoid and help prevent slips, trips and falls:

1. Pay attention when walking. Avoid talking on the phone, texting or carrying packages that restrict your view of the path in front of you.

2. When the weather is bad, assume that walking surfaces and entranceways will be slippery and use extra caution.

3. Clean up incidental spills as soon as they happen to prevent the chance of someone walking on one and slipping.

4. Avoid placing boxes, cords or any other items in aisles or walkways.

5. Bring surface imperfections such as large cracks, potholes, loose tiles or protruding nails to your supervisor's attention so that they can be eliminated.

OUR SITE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/PROCEDURES ▼

Discussion Date: _____

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