



Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention: Housekeeping

Good housekeeping is more than an industry best practice; it helps reduce the chances of slips, trips, or falls. This handout is designed to address housekeeping practices that, by themselves, may seem inconsequential, but, together, form a comprehensive slip, trip, and fall risk control program.

The majority of slips result from foreign matter on flooring materials. Posting signs (e.g., "Wet - Slippery Floor"), reporting unusual conditions, and knowing what to do when there is a spill are essential housekeeping tasks for an effective risk control program. Good housekeeping reduces the chance of a slip or fall at a facility. Before allocating funds to replace flooring or purchasing materials to reduce slips, trips, or falls, it is prudent to review housekeeping operations. Overlooking the details of reading labels or not having spill control kits available can increase chances of slip and fall injuries. Read on to consider housekeeping best practices designed to minimize the chances of a slip or fall.

Spill Control

	Yes	No	N/A
Are spills, puddles, or other debris cleaned up immediately?	☐	☐	☐
Are signs used to notify others that the area is wet and a hazard?	☐	☐	☐
Is the spill control clean-up kit storage area conducive to organized retrieval of clean-up materials for spills?	☐	☐	☐
Is a wet area cordoned off until it is dry?	☐	☐	☐
Is there a formal procedure for checking and removing the signage when the area is dry?	☐	☐	☐
Are absorbent materials available for wiping up greasy, oily, or other kinds of liquid spills?	☐	☐	☐

Floor Finishing/Cleaning Products

	Yes	No	N/A
Is the supply of soap, disinfectant, and cleaning supplies adequate?	☐	☐	☐
Are cleaning products stored in accordance with manufacturer recommendations?	☐	☐	☐
Have cleaning supply vendors been contacted to discuss flooring product offerings in light of increased awareness of preventing slips and falls?	☐	☐	☐
Is training provided to workers when cleaning products change?	☐	☐	☐
Are flooring manufacturer's recommended care instructions followed?	☐	☐	☐
Are workers trained on how to apply floor finishing products?	☐	☐	☐
Is a mopping and cleaning schedule maintained to keep floors clean and dry?	☐	☐	☐



	Yes	No	N/A
Does the log contain details, such as the brand of cleaning products used, when the task was performed, and what procedure was followed?	☐	☐	☐
Is there a formal procedure to resolve discrepancies between logs and physical conditions?	☐	☐	☐

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