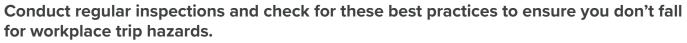


Eliminate Workplace Trip Hazards

You can effectively eliminate most workplace trip hazards by emphasizing good housekeeping, sensible precautions, and plenty of awareness training.



1. Emphasize and enforce good housekeeping rules.
☐ Remove cords from walkways.
☐ Store materials properly.
☐ Close drawers.
2. Make sure lighting inside and outside your facility is adequate.
☐ Check for good visibility.
☐ Have maintenance check routinely for burned-out bulbs or other lighting problems.
3. Design work areas to allow plenty of room for employees to move around safely.
4. Keep flooring and stair treads in good condition.
Check for uneven or defective flooring.
5. Conduct regular inspections to check for trip hazards.
6. Emphasize training points, such as:
Keeping work areas neat and tidy and putting tools and materials away after use;
Picking up items from the floor even if you didn't put them there;
Stepping around obstructions, not on or over them;
Walking slowly and making sure you can see where you're going, especially when carrying a load;
☐ Watching for changes in floor level, such as a few steps or a ramp up or down;
Watching your step before entering and leaving elevators; and

☐ Using a flashlight in dark areas, such as outside the facility at night.