



Safety

Tips

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.

Avoiding Slip and Trip Hazards

Falls resulting from trips and slips are a very common cause of injury for pest control workers. Most often, these falls result from conditions on the ground or floor surface on which we are working. A failure to recognize these hazards in our ever-changing work surroundings puts each of us at risk.

Your work takes you to locations that can vary greatly from one visit to the next. You do not control the condition of your walking/working surface when on a customer's property. It is important to assess the hazards present at the job site each and every visit, before you begin your work.

- Is the lawn, driveway or sidewalk wet from rain, dew, runoff, or watering?
- Is there any type of remodeling or landscape work in progress at the site?
- Are rocks, hoses, retaining walls sprinkler heads, or window wells around the perimeter of the building covered by shrubs or ground cover?

As you make your way around the building perimeter, be sure to look ahead at your path of travel and your walking/working surface. Don't overload your hands and arms to block your view or compromise your balance. A second trip around the building would be a much safer option. Wear slip resistant footwear that provides ankle support for extra stability.

Assess the hazards upon your arrival to your job site. Note the surface condition and look for items that present trip hazards. Keep your feet under you and arrive home safely at the end of your workday.

