

## This Week's Learning Objective:

### Avoiding Slip Hazards

## Materials Needed for this Session:

A copy of "Discussion –Steps to Minimize Slip Hazards" document; enough for each attendee.

## Leader Notes / Training Outline

1. **Discuss** specific job situations or accounts that have slip hazards.
2. **Review**
  - a. Clean up spills, drips, and leaks immediately.
  - b. Wear sensible shoes with nonslip soles, and wipe feet.
  - c. Shuffle feet on slippery surfaces.
  - d. Report slip hazards if they can't fix them.
3. **Ask the group** why they think slips and falls plague our industry specifically and discuss prevention options including footwear.
  - Open the discussion to the attendees. See Leader Tips below.

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## Leader Tips:

Announce the learning objective: Our objective today is \_\_\_\_\_

Explain to the group why this topic is being reviewed:

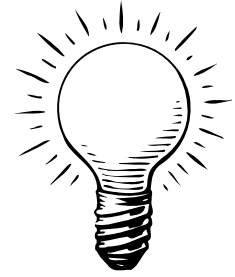
- Prevent you from being injured
- Prevent injury to others
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Ask the **group to discuss** the subject matter and give input by drawing from their work experiences:

- Attendee to relate a personal story involving this objective
- Attendee to share something learned on the job involving this objective
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### Discussion:

## Steps to minimize slip hazards



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A drop of liquid. A pinch of sand. A small scrap of cardboard. That's all it takes to create the potential for slips and falls. According to the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 602,000 workers were injured by slips, trips and falls to the same level in 2004, and averaged seven to nine lost work days as a result of the incident.

Keeping floors clean and dry is a key factor in preventing these injuries, but that often can be a daunting task. Even the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) acknowledges that it isn't always possible to keep a floor clean and dry. You have little control over a walking/working surface when you are servicing an account. Therefore, your awareness of the walking surface condition becomes paramount.

- - Why are slip hazards PARTICULARLY prevalent in our service work?

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