

Slips, Trips and Falls: Improve Winter Safety with Proper Floor Matting

Why It Matters

During winter, snow, ice, salt and sand are tracked indoors. These materials can create slippery conditions that increase the risk of slips, trips and falls. Proper floor mats are one of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce these hazards.

Key Benefits of Longer Floor Mats

Moisture absorption: Longer mats give snow and ice more time to melt and be absorbed before reaching hard floors.

Sand and salt capture: Extended mats help trap abrasive materials that can damage flooring and create slip hazards.

Improved traction: Mats provide a non-slip surface for employees and visitors entering the building.

Building cleanliness: Mats collect dirt and debris to keep your buildings cleaner.



Recommended Best Practices

Length: Mats should be at least 8 to 12 feet long in entryways during winter months. In high-traffic areas, consider 15 feet or more.

Material: Use mats designed for heavy moisture absorption and grit retention.

Maintenance: Clean and replace mats regularly to maintain effectiveness.

Placement: Cover all main entrances and high-traffic transition points.

Safety Impact

- Reduces slip, trips and falls
- Protects flooring from winter debris
- Improves overall workplace safety and compliance

Action Step

Review your current matting strategy. Increasing mat length is a low-cost, high-impact way to improve winter safety. Use longer mats during winter months and consider adding industrial-strength floor fans to help accelerate drying.



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