



Topic: Slip, Trip and Fall Avoidance for the Manufacturing Industry

General Safety Tips

- Periodically include slip, trip and fall (STF) topics in safety meetings.
- Formalize and maintain a consistent housekeeping program to reduce clutter and debris.
- Evaluate job-appropriate footwear to ensure slip-resistant soles, proper tread depth and compatibility with surface conditions and fluid exposures.
- Store raw materials and finished goods in designated areas to prevent trip hazards.
- Encourage employee participation in hazard identification through suggestion or reporting programs.
- Conduct regular facility hazard assessments using a customized checklist to identify and mitigate risks.
- Monitor and address contributing factors such as fatigue, poor lighting, congestion and equipment leaks that can increase STF risks.

Topics to Discuss

- Fatigue reduces hazard recognition, especially during long shifts, consecutive workdays, irregular schedules or physically demanding tasks.
- Staying hydrated helps reduce fatigue and maintain focus.
- Keep work areas clear by managing materials, debris and equipment.
- Risks often come from debris, fluid spills, leaking equipment and cluttered workspaces.
- Be aware of slick, uneven or contaminated floors and adjust movement as needed.
- Maintain adequate lighting and use visual cues like painted safety zones.
- Reduce risks by improving lighting, limiting congestion, maintaining equipment and clearly marking walkways.

Resources

For more information about this topic, visit:

- [Footwear Guide](#)
- [Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention: Sample Program](#)
- Safety Poster: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Accident Investigation Kit: Slips, Trips and Falls](#)
- [OSHA.gov](#)



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Date: _____
Location: _____
Meeting Organizer: _____

Organization Name

Items Discussed:

Problem Areas or Concerns:

Attendees (Names/Signatures):	

Comments: