

Preventing Slip-and-Fall Accidents

Wet floors and slippery sidewalks are among the leading reasons people slip and fall. Such falls are especially hazardous to seniors, who might be more likely to suffer an injury if they fall. Snow, rain, and ice compound the problem during winter. While slips may seem unavoidable, there are preventive measures you can take to help keep people safe.

	Yes	Needs Attention
1. Are your sidewalks and parking lots in good repair? Are they free of uneven surfaces, holes, and cracks that people could easily trip over?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are handrails and steps also in good condition? Are handrails securely fastened? Do you routinely check for and repair worn or damaged steps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are your steps (indoor and outdoor) clearly marked so pedestrians can easily differentiate their levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you use mats or rugs with nonskid backings at each of your entrances? Do you ensure that they lie flat so nobody trips over them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you use only nonslip coatings and waxes on your floors to improve traction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you clearly mark slipping/tripping hazards such as wet floors, using cones or signs, to discourage people or walking on them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is someone designated to mop/dry floors when they become wet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Is your carpet in good repair? Do you routinely replace worn or frayed carpeting to prevent people from tripping over loose pieces?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do you have an organized snow removal plan to help keep parking lots, walkways, and entrances free of snow and ice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do ushers/greeters know to whom to report slip/trip hazards, in order to start the process of eliminating the hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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