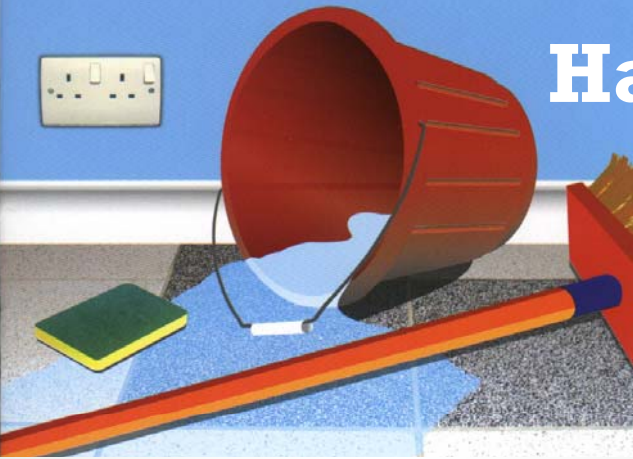


# Eliminating Slip & Trip Hazards



## PRACTICAL STEPS TO PREVENT SLIPS AND TRIP

### Hazard

### Suggested Action



#### Spillage of Wet And Dry Substances

Clean spills up immediately. If a liquid is greasy, make sure a suitable cleaning agent is used. After cleaning the floor can be wet for some time; dry it where possible. Use suitable signs to tell people the floor is still wet and arrange alternative routes.



#### Trailing Cables

Position equipment to avoid cables crossing pedestrian routes, use cable covers to fix cables securely to surfaces, restrict access to prevent contact.



#### Miscellaneous Rubbish

Keep area clear, remove rubbish and do not allow it to build up.



#### Rugs / Mats

Ensure mats are securely fixed and do not have curling edges.



#### Slippery Surfaces

Assess the cause and treat accordingly – for example, by using an appropriate cleaning methods, etc.



#### Changes From Wet To Dry Floor Surface

Use suitable footwear, warn of risks by using signs and locate doormats where these changes are likely.



#### Poor Lighting

Improve lighting levels and placement of light fittings to ensure more even lighting to all floor areas.



#### Changes Of Level

Improve lighting, and high visibility tread nosings.



#### Slopes

Improve visibility, provide handrails, use floor markings.



#### Smoke / Steam Obscuring View

Eliminate or control by redirecting it away from risks areas, improve ventilation, provide warning.



#### Unsuitable Footwear

Ensure workers select suitable footwear with the correct type of sole. If the type of work requires special protective footwear, the employer is legally required to provide it free of charge.