



STOP ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY TRIPS AND SLIPS



ADDRESS THE PROBLEM AND PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN
WHEN ACCESS ROUTES, STAIRS, LIGHTING AND MEASURES
AGAINST SLIPPERY SURFACES ARE NOT IN ORDER

AVOID CARRYING THINGS – USE TECHNICAL AIDS TO TRANSPORT
TOOLS AND MATERIALS – ALL THE WAY TO THE WORKSTATION

TIDY UP! TOOLS, MATERIALS AND SPILLAGE SHOULD NOT BE
IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE YOU GO ABOUT AND WORK

DO NOT TAKE SHORT-CUTS – USE THE PLANNED ACCESS ROUTES

Read more at
workplacedenmark.dk/en/accidents-caused-by-trips-and-slips

19%

of the serious occupational accidents in plumbing and heating companies are due to falls, slips and trips.

3 weeks

or more. Serious trip and slip accidents lead to this much illness absence.

1/6

of all the accidents that result in permanent injury have occurred from falls, slips or trips.

Where can it go wrong?

- Outdoors, for example, when you move about on an uneven surface at the construction site
- Indoors, for example, due to openings in and between levels



Accidents often occur in connection with employees carrying tools and materials on the ground and on stairs.



Easy to prevent!

For the employer:

- Become familiar with the developer's planning of the establishment and maintenance of access routes, stairs, lighting, measures against slippery surfaces, etc. at the construction sites and assess whether these are adequate for you. In the event of ad hoc repair/maintenance work, always make sure there are agreements on this with the customers.
- Employees should avoid carrying tools and materials. Make sure there is mechanical transport all the way to the workstation.
- You should organise the tidying up and general order of access routes and workstations.
- Arrange with the employees what you want them to do to avoid trip or slip accidents.

Examples of accidents reported to the Danish Working Environment Authority

- *A plumber drags parts of the scaffolding into place so he can execute a minor task. He falls and lands on his back. (Three to six months' absence)*
- *An employee is pulling a moveable tower scaffolding into a parking garage. There is ice in the middle of the floor. He slips on the ice, falls backwards and tries to break his fall with his right hand. (Three to four weeks' absence)*
- *On the way down a pedestrian ramp at a customer, an employee slips and twists his ankle. The ankle is fractured. The ramp is not salted and is therefore very slippery. (One to three months' absence)*
- *An employee slips in wet leaves on an external basement stairway and twists his right ankle/foot. (One to three months' absence)*

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