



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

24%

of the serious occupational accidents in bricklaying 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 and trips.

Where can it go wrong?

- When a short-cut is taken over stored materials and waste because, for example, the access routes are not constructed appropriately
- Due to slippery scaffolding and smaller openings or edges between scaffolding levels
- In connection with employees carrying tools and materials on the ground and on stairs
- Due to slippery surfaces such as snow and ice

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 and slip accidents.

Bricklaying
company

Examples of accidents reported to the Danish Working Environment Authority

- *An employee steps over stored material and twists the one foot, by which the body's weight is shifted over onto the other leg. The radius bone fractures. (One to three months' absence)*
- *An employee trips over the space between two ground protection mats. Twists his knee. Damages the ligament in his knee. (One to three months' absence)*
- *Two bricklayers are busy building from a scaffolding. The one bricklayer accidentally steps onto a stack of bricks which his colleague has placed in front of a pallet of bricks. He bumps and twists his foot. (One to three months' absence)*

