

# SafetyTalk

## Topic: Slips, Trips and Falls

### General Safety Tips

- Never use a chair, table, bookshelf, etc. in place of a ladder or stepstool.
- Be observant of curled edges on rugs or mats, and other uneven surfaces – report to maintenance.
- Keep walkways unobstructed and clear of clutter or other trip hazards.
- Never lay unsecured electrical cords across walkways.
- Eliminate doorstops to reduce trip hazards.
- During inclement weather wear appropriate footwear – change into slip-resistant shoes after arrival.
- Be aware of high-risk areas where floors could be wet or slippery, such as a restroom or cafeteria.
- Place temporary “Slip and Fall Hazard” warning signs where walkways may be hazardous.

### Topics to Discuss

- Proper footwear
- Location of wet floor signs, mops and other floor cleaning supplies
- Location of step stools and ladders
- Workplace inspections and housekeeping best practices
- Preventative maintenance programs

### Resources

For more information about this topic, visit:

- United Heartland Resource Library – Slips, Trips & Falls: [UnitedHeartland.com/resource-library](https://www.unitedheartland.com/resource-library)
- United Heartland WalkSafe Campaign: [UnitedHeartland.com/WalkSafe/](https://www.unitedheartland.com/WalkSafe/)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration: [OSHA.gov](https://www.osha.gov)

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**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Organizer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name

Items Discussed:

Problem Areas or Concerns:

Attendees (Names/Signatures):	

Comments: