Slips, Trips, And Falls – Landscaping Stats and Facts



FACTS

Primary hazards and types of injuries associated with slips, trips, and falls in landscaping:

1. **Uneven and Slippery Surfaces**
    - **Uneven Terrain:** Landscaping often involves working on natural and uneven ground surfaces.
    - **Wet or Muddy Conditions:** Rain can create wet and slippery conditions.
1. **Obstacles and Clutter**
    - **Tools and Equipment:** When left on the ground these can create tripping hazards if not properly stored.
1. **Improper Footwear**
    - Wearing inappropriate footwear without adequate grip increases the risk of slipping.

Types of Injuries

1. **Sprains and Strains**
    - Result from sudden falls or trips, causing overextension of muscles and tendons.
1. **Fractures**
    - Falls from heights or tripping over obstacles can lead to broken bones.
1. **Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs)**
    - Severe impacts during falls cause concussions and traumatic brain injuries.
1. **Back and Spinal Cord Injuries**
    - Falls can lead to herniated discs and, spinal cord damage.

STATS

- In 2023, slips, trips, and falls accounted for over 450,540 work injuries and 865 work-related deaths across various industries, including landscaping.
- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, slips, trips, and falls are one of the most common causes of non-fatal workplace injuries. They accounted for 27% of all workplace injuries in 2021
- In the construction industry, which includes landscaping, slips, trips, and falls are particularly prevalent. In 2021, nearly one in five workplace deaths occurred in the construction sector, with over 33% of these deaths attributed to falls.
- In Canada, slips, trips, and falls are also a leading cause of workplace injuries. These incidents account for a significant number of workers’ compensation claims and result in substantial lost work time.