Slips Trips and Falls Safety Topic



Slip trip and fall reduction tips including a look at fall protection.

OSHA’s walking and working surfaces standard (also known as slips, trips, and falls) for general industry workplaces regulates most areas where employees may work or travel in the workplace. Slips, trips, and falls constitute the majority of general industry accidents. According to OSHA, they cause 15 percent of all accidental deaths.

General Requirements

All areas where employees work or travel must be kept clear of hazards. Every floor, work area, and passageway must be kept free from protruding nails, splinters, holes, or loose boards. These surfaces must be clean and free of hazards that could interfere with normal activities. Aisles and passageways must be kept clear and in good repair, with no obstruction across or in aisles that could create a hazard. Permanent aisles and passageways must be appropriately marked. Covers or guardrails must be used to protect employees from falling into…