



# Slip and Fall Risk Assessments



Slips, trips and falls are leading causes of workplace injuries. These injuries not only increase operational costs, but also contribute to indirect costs such as higher insurance premiums and lost productivity. EMC's loss control experts can identify hazards and offer practical solutions to improve safety.

## Did You Know?

**35 PERCENT**

of nonfatal injuries are caused by falls.<sup>v</sup>



**#1**

Ranking of slips and falls among most common accident types for workers 55+.<sup>i</sup>

**12%**

Of sprains, strains and tears are caused by falls on the same level.<sup>vii</sup>

**15%**

Of injuries resulting in days away from work were caused by slips and falls (falls on the same level).<sup>iii</sup>

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Median number of recuperation days after a fall-related injury. This is two days more than what is required for events and exposures overall.<sup>iv</sup>

**\$70 Billion**

The annual cost of employee slip and fall injuries, with an average cost per injury exceeding \$12,000.<sup>ii</sup>

25,000 lives are lost annually in homes and communities due to slips and falls. This is trending up sharply as our overall population ages.<sup>vi</sup>



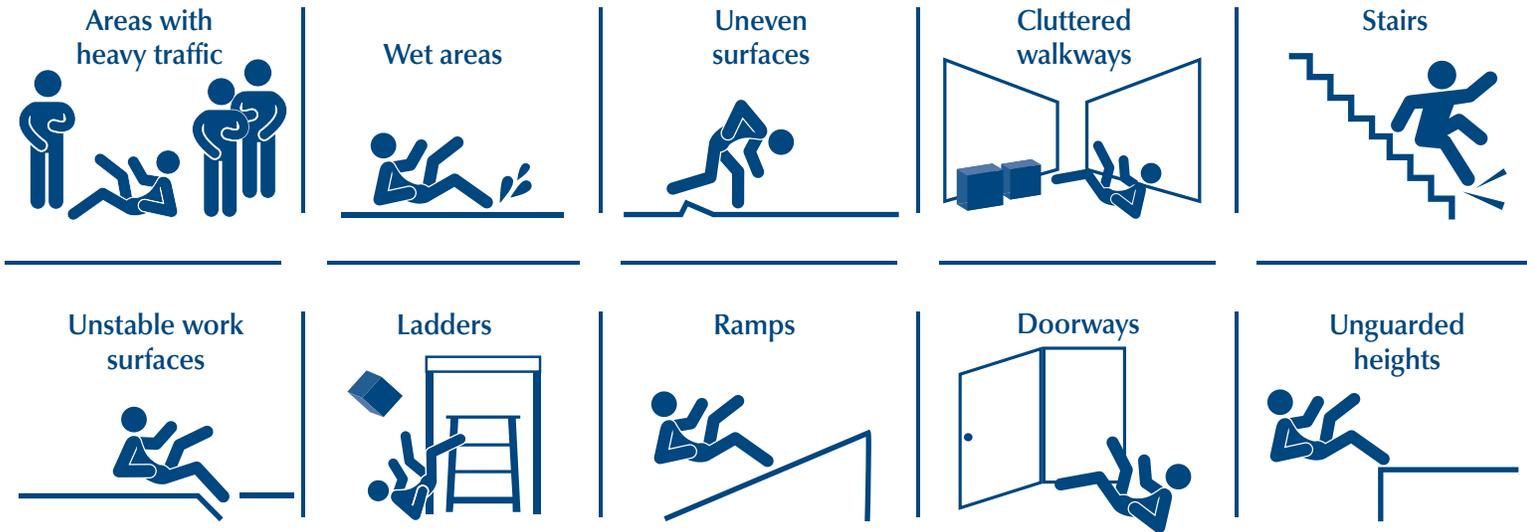
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# Common Locations for Falls<sup>viii</sup>



## Factors That Affect Likelihood of Slips and Falls

Changes in elevation over ¼"

Clutter or items below knee height on floor

Poorly marked curbs, stairs, ramps

Floors with poor traction or slippery residue

Water or liquid on floor

Cords across pedestrian paths

Distractions while walking (e.g., phone use)

**INCREASES** likelihood

**DECREASES** likelihood

Approved handrails on at least one side of steps with more than four stairs

Appropriate cleaning methods

Barricades that direct pedestrians along safe walking path

Removing cords or clutter from path

Regularly rotated and maintained floor mats

Visibly contrasting edge treatments on stairs

Slip-resistant shoes

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<sup>i</sup><http://images.newpig.com/wcsstore/NewPigUSStore/StoreInfoArea/TechResourcesSection/floor-safety-paper.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup>[http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/archives/osh2\\_11082012.pdf](http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/archives/osh2_11082012.pdf)

<sup>iii</sup><http://www.bls.gov/news.release/osh2.nr0.htm>

<sup>iv</sup>National Safety Council

<sup>v</sup>[http://www.nsc.org/safety\\_home/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/Pages/Falls.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/safety_home/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/Pages/Falls.aspx)

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