SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS SAFETY AWARENESS

Dramatic workplace accidents like explosions and electrocutions get a lot of attention, but workers are much more likely to be injured by a simple slip, trip or fall on a level surface. In fact, slips, trips and falls are the **number one cause of occupational injuries,** according to the National Safety Council. They cause 15 percent of all accidental deaths and account for seven billion dollars a year in direct costs. Given the financial, physical and emotional pain they cause, slips, trips and falls certainly deserve our attention.

The most common Slip, Trip & Fall hazards:

* Obstructions or debris in your path of travel
* Spills
* Uneven surfaces
* Poor lighting
* Unanchored rugs
* Weather conditions
* Unsafe floor products

Behavioral factors that can contribute to slip and fall injuries:

* Poor housekeeping
* Wearing improper footwear
* Obstructed vision
* Shortcuts
* Rushing
* Ignoring hazards
* Inattention

EHS offers a free class on Slips, Trips & Falls.  The goal of this training is to provide the skills so every worker will be able to identify and eliminate hazards when encountered.  If you are interested in scheduling a class please call the EHS Occupational Health & Safety Program Manager at 405-744-3017.