

DO NOT use this equipment unless you are authorised to use it and, have been instructed in its safe use and operation



Sturdy non slip footwear must be worn



Non slip water resistant gloves



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn

GENERALLY:

- Slips, trips and falls account for a significant number of incidents reported within the retail motor industry. The sudden, unexpected movement and falls resulting from slips and trips may result in serious injuries. Workers can take simple actions to avoid slip, trip and fall injuries

TYPICAL CAUSES:

There are a number of reasons why people slip or trip within the workplace:

- Slippery floors and paths;
- Low visibility due to inadequate lighting;
- Ill-fitting or unstable footwear;
- Rushing to get a task completed;
- Uneven paths;
- Carrying bulky items that block view of the path or stairs, and;
- Clutter or trailing cords in walkways.

THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- Take some time out to look at your work area and plan ahead:
- Move trailing cords or cables out of walkways to prevent trips.
- Allocate some time for tidying up your work area
- Ensuring aisles are kept clear of items that may cause slips, trips and falls.
- Use the hand rails when you're walking down or up stairs.
- Look where you're walking. Reading or sending messages on your phone while walking may distract you from seeing trip or slip hazards in your path.
- On rainy days, wipe your shoes on mats at building entrances and place wet umbrellas in receptacles provided.
- Invest in a pair of shoes with good tread and stability. After all, doesn't everyone love shopping for shoes?
- Isolate and clean-up spills without delay.
- Allow sufficient time to carry out housekeeping tasks.
- Use warning signs to alert people to surfaces that are wet following recent cleaning or spills.
- Signage should indicate procedures, such as specific footwear required for certain locations.
- Use ladders only in accordance with manufacturers instructions

FOOTWEAR SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- slip resistant sole material
- a good tread pattern
- a rounded heel edge with good area of contact
- a cushioned sole
- a close but comfortable fit.

