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Try the STEP e-tool – and help make your workplace safe

In 2008/09 over 10,000 employees suffered a major injury as a result of a slip or trip at work. They happen in seconds but the results can last a lifetime. The effects are far-reaching, both for those involved and the industries they work in. Slips, trips and falls cost society in the order of £800 million per year.

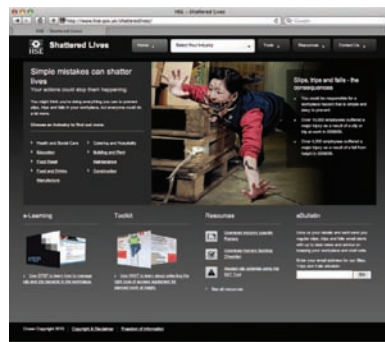
You can help to prevent slip and trip accidents at work by taking some simple steps. To help you, we've created the STEP e-tool – a simple, online guide that will help you manage and prevent slips, trips and falls in the workplace.

Take 15 minutes to help protect your workforce

The Slips and Trips eLearning Package (STEP for short) is a great introduction to slips, trips and falls, how they are caused and how to prevent them. Just log onto www.hse.gov.uk/shatteredlives and follow the simple instructions to access the version that's appropriate for your industry.

This easy, interactive tool will help you:

- Understand how slips and trips happen
- Identify areas of slip and trip risk in your workplace
- Take simple steps to prevent slips and trips happening
- Get everyone involved in making your workplace safer



The introductory level takes just 15 minutes. Anyone can use it. So, once you've tried it, why not encourage others to give it a go, or use it for group training? The intermediate and advanced levels give more in-depth and sometimes technical guidance on issues such as footwear and flooring.



Solutions SK cut accidents in school canteens by 50%

Solutions SK Ltd, a Stockport Council company which organises school catering, took the opportunity to attend an HSE workshop. Afterwards, they decided to make a few simple changes to reduce the number of slips, trips and falls in school canteens. The first was to introduce two-stage floor cleaning – which is known to be more effective at removing grease. They also issued slip-resistant overshoes to staff working in older kitchens with smooth floors.

Dan Unwin, school cook from Stockport.

“The two-part cleaning process has really helped make the floors less slippery. The safety overshoes are brilliant.”

Take action to prevent slips, trips and falls at work today...

Visit www.hse.gov.uk/shatteredlives

- To access the STEP e-tool
- For more advice on slips, trips and falls, including the Slips Assessment Tool (SAT)
- To access information on selecting the right access equipment for occasional work at height, use the WAIT e-tool
- To order campaign 'danger' display cards for use on staff desks, counters and notice boards.



Take your first step today!

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