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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.

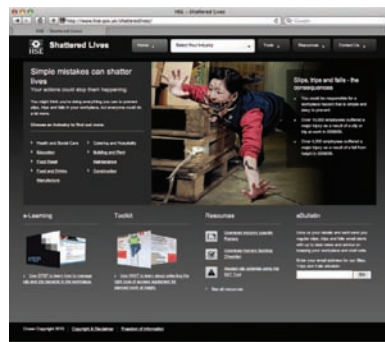
You can help to prevent slip and trip accidents at work by taking some simple steps. To help you, we've created the STEP e-tool – a simple, online guide that will help you manage and prevent slips, trips and falls in the workplace.

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.



How Sainsbury's got on the right footing

Sainsbury's recognised that it needed to revise its footwear policy. Feedback from stores was that steel toecap footwear wasn't guarding against slips and was too heavy and inflexible. One key finding was that many colleagues, from those in the restaurants and bakeries to those on the food counters, would benefit from having slip protection footwear. Slip resistant footwear was successfully trialled with colleagues and, to date, more than 15,000 pairs of shoes have been issued.

Sharon Rackley, Safety Policy and Systems Specialist.

“Though the roll-out has only recently begun, there has already been a reduction in the number of slip accidents.”

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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