

Slips, Trips, and Falls Hazard Questionnaire

Take precautions for preventing and responding to slips, trips, and falls throughout your healthcare facility. Use this questionnaire to uncover your need for products and services designed to help you minimize accidents and injuries and maximize productivity.



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Read each statement and place a check mark in the Yes or No column. If you place a check mark in a red-shaded box, a hazardous condition may exist at your facility. You should take action to remove the hazard.

Contamination and Irregularities (Indoor Walking and Working Surfaces)

Contamination and Irregularities (Indoor Walking and Working Surfaces)	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Do tiles, linoleum, or other flooring have holes, cracks, or bumps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is carpeting buckled, loose, or frayed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are carpet edges curled up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does floor feel greasy or slippery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are liquid contaminants present (water, grease, oil, cleaning solutions, coffee, body fluids)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are dry contaminants present (powder, sawdust, dirt, flour, food, wax chips)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are there sudden changes in indoor floor elevation > 1/4 in.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are there metal grates or mesh floors in walkways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are water-absorbent walk-off mats used in entrances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are slip-resistant mats used in wet areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Contamination and Irregularities (Outdoor Walking and Working Surfaces)

Contamination and Irregularities (Outdoor Walking and Working Surfaces)	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Are there gaps, cracks, or holes in outdoor walkways > 1/2 in.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are there metal grates or mesh floors in walkways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are walkways uneven with abrupt changes in level >1/2 in.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is there debris (pebbles, rocks, leaves, grass clippings) on walkways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are there slippery conditions (water, grease, ice, snow)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are concrete wheel stops in the parking areas highlighted with paint?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Drainage: Pipes and Drains

Drainage: Pipes and Drains	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Are drains clogged or filled with debris?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are pipes splashing water onto walking surfaces?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are outside drain pipes or down spouts spilling water onto walkways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are pipes properly aligned with drains inside and outside of the facility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Weather Conditions (Ice and Snow)

Weather Conditions (Ice and Snow)	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Are bins containing ice-melting chemicals and scoops provided at areas of heavy pedestrian traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are ice-melting chemicals swept up once walkways are dry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is a winter weather communications system in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is snow removal appropriately scheduled?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Stairs and Handrails

Stairs and Handrails	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Are all handrails 34 to 38 in. from the floor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are handrails provided on slopes, ramps, and stairs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Do handrails extend at least as far as the last step?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are handrails provided at steps (employee shuttle bus stops, entrances, conference and training rooms)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are the edges/noses of each step painted or marked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are stairway risers and steps all uniform in size?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Tripping Hazards (Clutter, Loose Cords, Hoses, Wires, and Medical Tubing)

Tripping Hazards (Clutter, Loose Cords, Hoses, Wires, and Medical Tubing)	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Are cords bundled using a cord organizer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are cords on the floor covered with a beveled protective cover or tape?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are cords mounted under desks or on equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are hallways, stairs, and walkways clear of clutter (boxes, cords, equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is there appropriate storage (closets, shelves, hooks, lockers)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are stepstools available for use in areas with overhead storage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Do rolling office chairs have a sturdy base (no less than five legs)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Lighting (Inside and Outside of the Healthcare Facility)

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Are lightbulbs burned out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are any areas dim, poorly lit, or shadowy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are lighting levels compliant with local codes, ANSI, and/or Illuminating Engineering Society (IESNA) recommendations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Mats

Mats	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Do mats have abrupt squared-off edges, lacking a bevel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are mat edges curled up or flipped over?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Do mats slide around on the floor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Slip-Resistant Shoes

Slip-Resistant Shoes	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Are employees wearing slip-resistant shoes (safety shoes marketed as slip resistant)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Do shoe soles have worn-down tread?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the shoe sole tread clogged with dirt, food, debris, or snow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are employees that must work outside wearing slip-resistant footwear?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Visual Cues

Visual Cues	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Are changes in walkway elevation highlighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are curbs highlighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are highly visible wet floor signs available and used correctly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are barriers available and used to prevent access to wet or dangerous areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are wet floor signs removed promptly once floor is dry/clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Safety Products

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Are the following products available and conveniently located throughout the hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- Wall-mounted spill-absorbent pads or paper towels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- Cups near water fountains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- Trash cans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- Pop-up tent floor signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- Umbrella bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- Barrier and access restriction devices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Employee Communication (Training and Employee Involvement)

Employee Communication (Training and Employee Involvement)	Yes	No	Location / Comments	Who Is Responsible?
Do all employees know the contact number for the housekeeping department?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are winter weather warnings distributed to staff through email?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are all employees aware of the housekeeping procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Do employees know where safety products are stored?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are cleaning methods for all floors and paths recorded and displayed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are employees that use ladders trained in safe ladder use and maintenance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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