

BREWHOUSE BULLETIN

WALKING WORKING SURFACES/SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

Slip, trip and fall hazards are very common hazards in the workplace, and for breweries they are particularly troublesome because not only can they impact your staff, vendors and suppliers but also your customers.

According to OSHA 15% of all accidental deaths are attributed to slips, trips & falls and are the most common cause of lost-workday injuries particularly back injuries, strains, sprains, and severe head injuries.

A combination of wet or slippery floors, elevated platforms, poor housekeeping practices, and hoses throughout a brewhouse can create a recipe for disaster.

Link to OSHA Walking-Working Surfaces Standard:

<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.22>

Send questions to the OCBA Safety Committee at:

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- **Risk Factors:**

- **Spills on walking surfaces**
- **Loose mats or rugs**
- **Boxes, kegs, drums, buckets, etc. in walkways**
- **Poor lighting**
- **Uneven and poor condition walking surfaces**
- **Lack of attention, distractions**
- **Age and employee fatigue**

- **Risk Controls:**

- **Routine, regular housekeeping**
- **Keep aisle-ways/walkways clear of obstructions**
- **Clean up spills promptly**
- **Keep hoses out of walkways**
- **Employee hazard recognition and awareness training**
- **Wear well-fitting, good condition non-slip shoes**
- **Use carts and dollies when possible**
- **Avoid distractions (e.g. cellphone usage) while walking**