



Safety Talk



January 2024

Slips, Trips and Falls in Parking Lots and Walkways

Every winter a fall can occur in a parking lot or walkway, which can result in a significant injury amongst workers and patrons in the workplace. These types of injuries are the leading cause of lost time injury claims in the workplace for workers. Workers or patrons slipping and falling in the parking lot or walkways is a huge expense for the business.

Preventing such injuries is a key goal of every safe and healthy workplace. Employers are responsible for:

- Recognizing (identifying) the potential risk of slip, trip and fall hazards.
- Assessing the potential risk of slip, trip and fall hazards.
- Controlling the hazard by eliminating or reducing workers' exposure to slip, trip and fall hazards.
- Evaluating the control measures to ensure that the control is effective.

NOTE: By reducing the risk of a slip, trip and fall hazards, it also reduces the risk of injury for our workers and patrons, minimizing the chance of an injury

Tips for Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls in your parking lots and walkways

- Sand and/or salt parking lots and walkways as often as required and document the frequency.
- Have sand/salt available by the entrance for use during the shift.
- Ensure that walkways do not have uneven surfaces promoting trips.
- Ensure that curbs are clear to indicate an uneven surface.
- Wear appropriate footwear for the task at hand and weather conditions.
- Use three-point contact when entering or exiting a vehicle or piece of equipment.
- Use caution signs/cones at entrances when there is potential for a slip, trip or fall hazard.



**Northern Safety Solutions offers onsite Workplace Compliance Audits as well as Slip, Trip and Fall Awareness Training
Call us today for more details!**



Northern Safety Solutions Inc.

955 Bancroft Drive, Sudbury ON P3B 1P8

Toll Free: 1-866-524.1975

www.northersafetysolutions.com

"Working Safely for the Health of It"

**Workplace
Management**
Systems Inc.