

MSFC Safety Bulletin

Don't Go 'Slip-Sliding Away'!



Think You Can Walk Through Without Slipping and Falling? Don't Chance it!

Understand The Hazard

- You can walk without slipping when you have enough traction between the sole of your shoe and the surface you walk on.
- If liquid gets between your shoe and the walking surface, you lose that traction.
- The smoother the walking surface is, the easier it is to lose your traction.
- Walking at a safe pace involves keeping your balance while you shift your weight from side to side.
- If you lack traction, shifting your weight can easily cause you to lose your balance and fall hard.
- It can happen so fast that you're down almost before you realize that you're falling! You may not get a chance to recover your balance.
- The faster your pace, the more likely you are to lose balance.
- *More MSFC lost-time injuries are caused by slips, trips, and falls than any other source.*

Recognize The Hazard

- Wet or freshly waxed smooth floor surfaces
- Wet feet on dry floors
- Spills or drips of liquid
- Thin layers of dust or granular material



Control The Hazard

- **CHOOSE NOT TO** take the risk of walking on possibly slippery surfaces
- Watch for and **RESPECT HAZARD WARNING DEVICES** similar to those shown on this page
- Never enter identified hazardous locations
- Watch for unmarked slip hazards on walking surfaces
- Clean up or mark spills, drips, or puddles
- Wipe wet feet on floor mats & use umbrella bags
- **Remember: NO ONE IS IMMUNE TO SLIPS & FALLS!**

