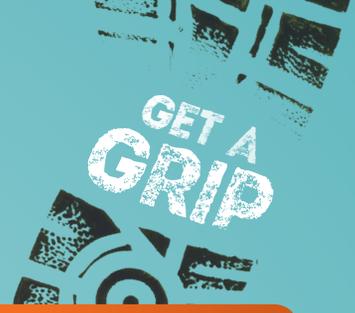


SAFETY CONVERSATION

SC3 - Spillages and Debris



WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO LEARN

In this safety conversation you will learn how to avoid the slips and falls caused by spillages and debris. Most slip injuries happen on wet floors or floors contaminated with food debris or oil. Let's learn how to Get a Grip and what to do to avoid slip or trip!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Food Debris** - Keep the food off the floor! That's the simplest solution to avoid slips on food debris. The pace of work, especially in the kitchen or food service environment, is very often intense and that's when most slips and trips happen. Top tips - work carefully to avoid contaminating the floor, don't overfill containers or push food on the floor, use lids and trays when transferring food. The footwear also plays very important part in **Getting a Grip on slippery floor**, however to be effective **the soles need to be cleaned on regular basis**.
- **Spillages** - It is not a no-brainer that the spillages must be cleaned promptly, so people do not slip. Deal with spillages immediately, don't leave them, clean them up and dry the floor. This includes spills on any areas on the customer side (if applicable to your unit), especially at self-service areas. Some spillages are more difficult to clean up immediately, e.g. oil. Ensure you follow the correct spillage procedures. **Don't forget to display the warning signs until the floor is completely dry**.
- **Other Contaminants** - Avoid contaminating the floor with dry materials like litter, plastic bags, flour or coffee dust, as they can create a very slippery surface. Good housekeeping is often enough to remove the hazards of contaminants. **Be mindful of others and ensure you perform regular floor checks and 'clean as you go'**.

FOLLOW RULES

- Ensure correct floor cleaning procedures are followed using the appropriate detergent mixed at the correct concentration
- Wear appropriate slip-resistant footwear and keep the soles clean



BE MINDFUL

- Clean as you go, even when busy - just stop and clean up the spillage or sweep the debris off the floor immediately
- Play your part and keep the workplace tidy



SPEAK OUT

- Report faulty equipment to prevent any leaks of oil, water, coffee etc.
- Report any work situation that you think is dangerous



GET INVOLVED

- Bring your ideas on how to avoid slips, trips and falls to the team meetings / briefings
- Promote see it, sort it attitude - lead by example and your colleagues will follow



PUTTING WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT INTO PRACTICE

Everyone has a part to play when it comes to stopping slips and trips. Can you think of any area in our workplace where food debris and spillages happen on regular basis?

- What can be done to avoid spills and food debris in that area?
- Do you know your spillage procedure? Demonstrate it.
- Check the soles of your work footwear. When was the last time you cleaned them?