



There is a High Cost Associated with Slips, Trips, and Falls

Business owners are vigilant to identify threats to their bottom line. Consider this:

- Some 300,000 North American workers are injured each year as a result of slips, trips, and falls (STFs).
- STFs represent over 15% of all time-loss injuries accepted by insurers and compensation boards.
- The average incident results in \$3,500 in direct costs and as much as \$21,000 in indirect costs.
- A company with a 5% profit margin needs \$490,000 extra revenue to cover the total cost of 1 STF accident.

The good news is that STF incidents are 15 times more preventable if there is a STF safety training program in the workplace. Have you talked to your customers about problems with slips, trips, and falls in their workplace? More often than not, poor housekeeping is to blame. If slipping on the floor is an issue, what is the root cause? As an example, if it is an oil mist coming off the machines, there are specific types of matting that works better with certain chemicals. Do they use “sorbents” to keep oil from dripping into the walkway?

Learning more about the basics of the potential hazards (root cause) and reviewing past accidents can go a long way in helping provide feasible solutions to most safety problems in a plant setting. Our Safety Services Team can help solve your safety problems and answer any questions you may have.