

## Healthcare Facility Slip, Trip, and Fall Hazard Checklist

Slip, trip, and fall injuries occur more frequently at healthcare facilities than many other occupancies. This checklist is designed to help healthcare facility staff identify hazards that contribute to slips, trips, or falls in the workplace. The checklist was developed by the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH). Read each statement and place a check mark in the box indicating either Yes or No. If a check mark falls in a box that indicates a hazardous condition may be present and needs further attention, comment on the followup required at the end of the form.

	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Contamination and Irregularities</b>			
Do tiles, linoleum, or other flooring have holes, cracks, or bumps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is carpeting buckled, loose, or frayed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are carpet edges curled up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does any floor feel greasy or slippery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are liquid contaminants present (e.g., water, grease, oil, cleaning solutions, coffee, body fluids)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are dry contaminants present (e.g., powder, sawdust, dirt, flour, food, wax chips)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any sudden changes in indoor floor elevation greater than 1/4 in (0.63 cm)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there metal grates or mesh flooring in the walkway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are water-absorbent walk-off mats used in entrances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are slip-resistant mats used in wet areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there gaps, cracks, or holes in the outdoor walkway greater than a 1/2in (1.27 cm)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the walkway uneven, with abrupt changes in level greater than a 1/2 in (1.27 cm)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there debris (e.g., pebbles, rocks, leaves, grass clippings) on the walkway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any slippery conditions present (e.g., water, grease, ice, snow)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are concrete wheel stops in the parking areas highlighted with paint?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Drainage: Pipes and Drains</b>			
Are drains clogged or filled with debris?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are pipes splashing water onto a walking surface?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Are outside drain pipes or downspouts spilling water on walkways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are pipes properly aligned with drains inside and outside of the facility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Weather Conditions</b>			
Are bins containing ice-melting chemicals and scoops provided at areas of heavy pedestrian traffic, as necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ice-melting chemicals swept up once walkways are dry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a winter weather communications distribution system in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is snow removal appropriately scheduled?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Handrails and Stairs</b>			
Are all handrails 34-38in (86- 96.5 cm) from the floor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are handrails provided on slopes, ramps, and stairs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do handrails extend at least as far as the last step?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are handrails provided at steps (e.g., employee shuttle bus stop, entrances, conference and training rooms)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the edges/noses of each step painted or marked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are stairway risers and steps all of uniform size?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tripping Hazards (Clutter, Loose Cords, Hoses, Wires, and Medical Tubing)</b>			
Are cords bundled using a cord organizer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are cords on the floor covered with a beveled protective cover or tape?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are cords mounted under the desk or on equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are hallways, stairs, and walkways clear of clutter (e.g., boxes, cords, equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there appropriate storage (e.g., closet, shelves, hooks, lockers)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are stepstools available for use in areas with overhead storage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do rolling office chairs have a sturdy base (no less than five legs)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Lighting</b>			
Are light bulbs burned out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are any areas dim, poorly lit, or shadowy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are lighting levels compliant with local codes, ANSI, and/or Illuminating Engineering Society (IESNA) recommendations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mats</b>			
Do mats have abrupt squared-off edges, lacking a bevel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are mat edges curled up or flipped over?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do mats slide around on the floor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Visual Cues</b>			
Are changes in walkway elevation highlighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are curbs highlighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are highly visible wet floor signs available and used correctly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are barriers available and used to prevent access into wet or dangerous areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are wet floor signs removed promptly once the floor is dry/clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the following products available and conveniently located throughout the facility?			
Wall-mounted spill-absorbent pads or paper towels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cups near water fountains?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash cans?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pop-up tent floor signs (e.g., wet floor)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Umbrella bags?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barrier and access restriction devices?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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