

Walking and Working Surfaces

PROJECT / SITE	DATE	TALK LED BY

THE HAZARD

Wet leaves, mud and the first ice arrive together, and the routes people take are habitual rather than chosen. Most same-level falls happen on a surface somebody had already noticed.

WHAT GOES WRONG

- The shortest route across the site becomes the standard route, regardless of what is on it.
- Mud tracked onto a smooth slab or steel plate and left to be walked on.
- A loose board, a lifted mat or a broken step reported to nobody because it is avoidable.
- Housekeeping treated as a Friday job when the surfaces change every day.

CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START

- Define and mark the walking routes, and light them as the days shorten.
- Clean up mud, leaves and standing water on the routes, not just in the work area.
- Fix or barricade a damaged surface the moment you find it. Do not walk around it twice.
- Wear boots with usable tread, and slow down on any surface you do not trust.
- Name the worst route on this site during the talk and agree what happens to it this week.

ASK THE CREW

1. What is the worst route on this site right now?
2. Which route are people actually using versus the one we marked?
3. What has changed underfoot since last week?
4. Who has stumbled here and not mentioned it?

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Everyone present signs below. This sheet is the record of the talk.

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