

Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention Program

- Goal:** To proactively prevent or reduce slips, trips, and falls at Southwestern University.
- Benefit:** Reduce or eliminate accidents which cause personal injuries, lost time from work, increased workers compensation costs, and increase risk exposure to Southwestern University.
- Training:** Provide employee training and education on the identification and control of workplace slip, trip and fall hazards.

Program Components:

- Regularly evaluate slip, trip, fall hazards throughout campus facilities and grounds. Pay particular attention to stairs and exit corridors.
(inspections, safety hazard form)
- Analyze accident reports and investigation data.
(identify trends, areas, causes)
- Identify known hazards and causes
- Identify and implement methods of effective control and prevention of those hazards through the use of our risk management and accident prevention programs.
- Warn affected individuals when control is not effective or when prevention methods have not been implemented. (signs, cones, tape)

Facility and Service Related Components:

Responsibility to Implement: Director of Physical Plant and Housekeeping Supervisors

- Implement and maintain excellent housekeeping standards for the prevention of slips, trips and falls
- Implement and maintain floor finishing with slip resistant floor products (minimum COF > 0.5 or higher)
- Implement and maintain floor mat, stairway and walkway safety recommendations (including stair tread inspection and timely repair, keeping walkways clear of objects, etc).