

Preventing slips, trips, and falls

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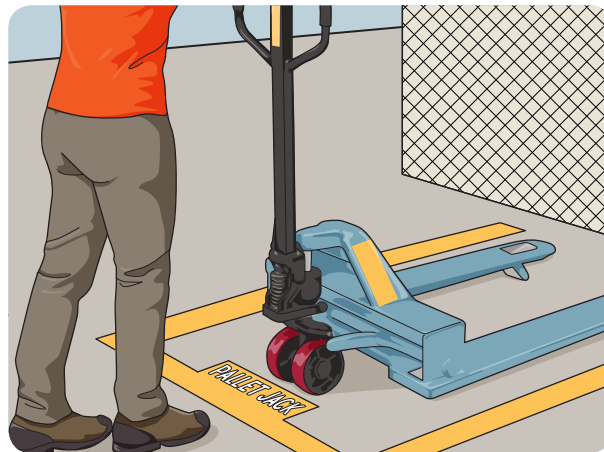
- There were **over 5,000** slip, trip, or fall injuries in manufacturing.
- **1,000** of these were **serious injuries** that, on average, can take **up to four months** for recovery.

A manufacturing worker slipped on a wet staircase and fell to the ground. The resulting ankle fracture took nearly a year for recovery.

How to prevent injuries in your workplace



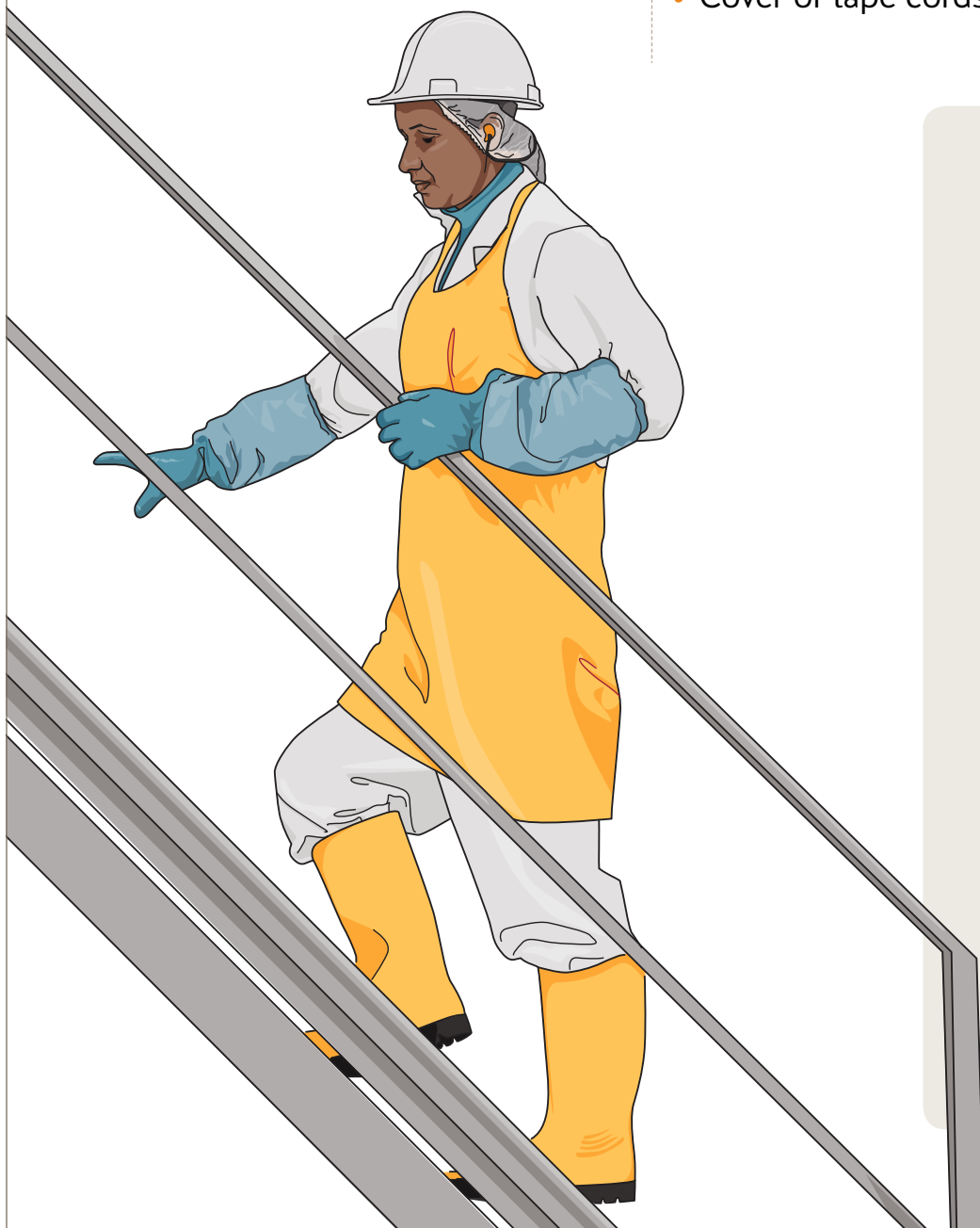
- Use the right footwear for your job.
- Walk instead of running.
- Mark spills and wet areas. Clean them up immediately.



- Keep work areas clear of clutter and obstacles.
- Organize your workplace to prevent tripping hazards.
- Cover or tape cords or cables.



- Hold or hover your hand over the handrail on stairs.
- Keep your mobile phone in your pocket when using stairs.
- Make sure you can see where you're going when carrying large items.



Your responsibilities as an employer

The Occupational Health and Safety Regulation describes the following employer responsibilities:

- Conduct regular inspections to identify hazards.
- Ensure that floors, platforms, ramps, stairs, and walkways are kept in good condition and free of slipping or tripping hazards.
- Train managers, supervisors, and workers on how to control workplace hazards and prevent injuries.

Your responsibilities as a worker

You are responsible for reporting hazards promptly to your employer or supervisor. You have the right to refuse unsafe work if there are uncontrolled slip, trip, or fall hazards in your workplace.