

Avoid Costly Claims!

Prevent Slip & Fall Injuries

Slips and falls are a leading type of workplace injury in convenience stores. Yet they are among the easiest types of claims to prevent. Here are three major causes of slip-and-fall injuries and how you can prevent them this winter season.

POOR HOUSEKEEPING

Don't leave spilled items or slippery floors unattended.

- ◆ Have a mop available to mop up spills
- ◆ Keep a mat at the front door during rainy or wet weather
- ◆ If an employee leaves a spill, clean it up right away
- ◆ Use "wet floor" signs to warn employees and others

If you drop it, pick it up! If it spills, mop it up!

CARDBOARD UNDERFOOT

Don't leave cardboard on the floor where employees can trip over it.

- ◆ As you unpack inventory, place the cardboard on a cart
- ◆ Remove cardboard and bring to a dumpster often
- ◆ Don't walk by cardboard without picking it up and throwing it out
- ◆ Tell employees what your expectations are

Get cardboard off the floor!

MATERIAL THAT BLOCKS YOUR VIEW

Don't carry a stack of boxes that prevent you from seeing where you are going.

- ◆ Use a cart, dolly or hand truck
- ◆ Break down large loads into manageable sizes
- ◆ Get help
- ◆ Don't stack materials so high you can't get them up or down without climbing

Not being able to see is asking to get hurt!

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