

## **HEALTH & SAFETY BULLETIN**

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## **HOW TO AVOID SLIP, TRIP, FALL ACCIDENTS**

## WHAT ARE THE COMMON CAUSES OF SLIP, TRIP, FALL ACCIDENTS?

- Jumping from vehicles (cabs & bodies) rather than using steps and handrails
- Not maintaining three points of contact at all times on ladders
- Failing to check ground conditions before descending ladders or climbing out of vehicles
- Running up or down stairs
- Slipping or tripping over waste or rubbish in the workplace
- Slipping, tripping or falling due to dirty footwear (e.g. soles of boots clogged with binder or aggregates)
- Failing to assess the work area before starting work and identify the hazards on site
- Failing to concentrate when completing work on site

## WHAT SAFE WORKING PRACTICES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES?

- Check the condition of access steps, ladders, walkways and safety rails daily and report any defects immediately
- Keep all working areas free from slip, trip, fall hazards
- Ensure steps, ladder rungs, working platforms etc. are free from any build up of binder, mud, grease etc. and remain 'non slip' at all times!
- Always wear safety boots on site. Ensure they are in good, clean condition and laces are securely fastened
- Check ground conditions before stepping down from vehicles be aware of potholes, loose stones, slippery surfaces etc.
- Never jump down from vehicles
- Do not run when working on site
- Be aware of slip, trip, fall hazards when working on site kerbs, tree roots, drain covers are common site hazards and plan the work to be completed to eliminate or minimise the risks from the hazards
- CONCENTRATE on the job you are completing

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN AND YOUR WORK COLLEAGUES SAFETY ON SITE TO AVOID SLIP, TRIP, FALL INCIDENTS