



# Safety Talk

## Common Hazards

Every workplace has hazards. Within the workplace, there are many hazards that put both workers and others such as suppliers, maintenance workers and visitors at risk.

Some of the most common workplace hazards are Slips, Trips and Falls, Contact with Machinery and Workplace Harassment.



### Slips, Trips and Fall Hazards

Practicing proper housekeeping at the workplace is essential to controlling slip, trip and fall's. We should pay special attention to areas before work begins, also where ice or snow may accumulate. As well as where there are changes in level on the walking surface and where there may be unsecured mats. Slip, trip and fall injuries can be anywhere from minor to catastrophic.

### Contact with Machinery

Many workplaces use equipment and technology that aims to make operations more efficient and decrease the ergonomic strain on workers. Pedestrians must be mindful of forklift truck traffic, power jacks and carts. As well, any machinery or belt system that could pull a worker's clothing or hair in could be hazardous. Workers should be mindful of these hazards and the inspection should include confirmation that all machine guards are in place and functioning prior to operation.

### Workplace Harassment Hazards

Harassment may include but is not limited to:

- Bullying
- Intimidation
- Offensive jokes or innuendos
- Displaying or circulating pictures or materials
- Offensive or intimidating phone calls or emails
- Inappropriate touching, advances, suggestions or requests



It is important for the worker to consider the risk of harassment from all sources and not just from within the workplace. Sources could include the public, suppliers, co-workers, supervisors/management and even family members on the work premises.



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