

# W.H.I.P.

## Workplace Health Improvement Practice

### FLOOR/GROUND SURFACES

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**Work Health and Safety Act 2012 section 19 3 (a)**

*.... the provision and maintenance of a work environment without risks to health & safety*

**OBJECTIVE:**

To provide a work environment that enables workers to carry out work in a safe manner

**BACKGROUND:**

A data review of slips, trips and falls during 2014 indicated many occurred as a result of:

- entering indoor areas from wet weather outside
- poor housekeeping in workplaces

This review also indicated that uneven outdoor surfaces were a result of pavers lifting.

**PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:**

- Ensure the worksite has a system to manage entrances from outside during wet weather (eg nonslip matting, wet weather signage, nonslip surface addition to floor covering)
- Be vigilant with belongings and equipment left lying around; keep internal and external walkways clear
- Include in your Workplace Inspections contributing factors to slips, trips and falls eg floor surfaces, stairs, outdoor ground surfaces, paved areas (consider state of pavers, moss/lichen/mould on surface).

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