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Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls at the workplace

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People Falling Everywhere

Slips, trips and falls are a leading cause of costly accidents to employees. Such accidents often result from minor and major changes in surface elevations, torn carpets and stretch wrinkled carpets, potholes, cracks, settling or lifting of sidewalks, slippery surfaces and other conditions. Periodic self-inspections of facilities should look for conditions that can result in slips, trips and falls, and action should be taken to correct any hazards noted.

Prevention

- Repair or replace damaged linoleum or tile surfaces.
- Repair torn carpets and stretched wrinkled carpets.
- Use doormats with tapered edges and non-slip bottoms in door entranceways. (The use of towels, scatter rugs, and other slippery materials on floors can cause slips, trips and falls.)
- Repair cracked and chipped sidewalks and areas where tree roots have caused uneven surfaces where edges meet. (NOTE: Until repairs are made, a yellow stripe along the edge of a hazard can help warn employees and visitors of the hazard.)

Recommendation

- Is to wear flat shoes to work versus wearing shoes with heels.
- Wear footwear that helps you to stay on your feet. Shoes should be well-fitting with low heels. Soles should be made of a non-slip material for most work situations.

Manage The Risk – Protect The Force For additional information contact: Your Unit Addition Duty Safety Officer (ADSO) or Collateral Duty Safety Person (CDSP), or USAG Installation Safety Office: Fort Stewart Office @ 912-767-6541; Hunter Army Airfield Office @ 912-345-4901.