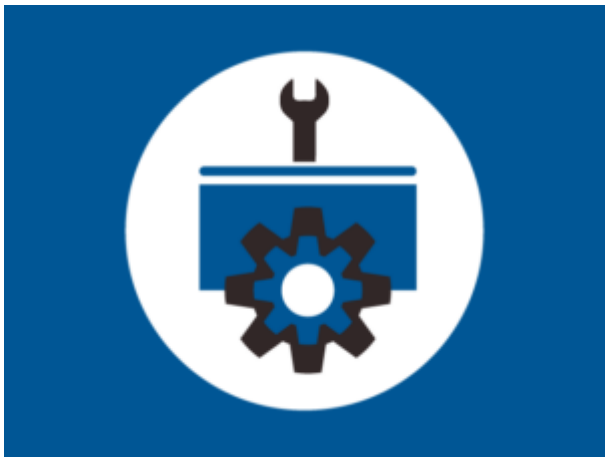
BLR Human Factors Affect Slips Trips and Falls



Ways to detect and prevent same level slips trips and fall hazards that can be found in nearly every type of work setting.

Same-level slips, trips, and falls are occupational hazards that can be found in almost every type of work setting. When considering workplace falls, most people immediately think of falls from a height, yet, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the majority of fall-related injuries occur as a result of falls from same-level walking surfaces. In fact, according to the BLS, falls on the same level increased in 2013 for general industry and construction.

Many people are surprised to hear how serious falls can be. However, the most sobering fact is that slips, trips, and falls cause 15 percent of all accidental deaths, second only to motor vehicle accidents. They are also some of the most costly types of workers’ compensation and general liability claims.

Safety professionals today believe that…