## Six Facts on Falls



Odds of winning the lottery 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, mega-millions jackpot)

Your lifetime odds of dying as the result of a fall: 1 in 184 (National Safety Council Odds of Dying)

- 1. The 5 major risk factors for falls are poor housekeeping, poor workplace layout, inappropriate footwear, slippery surfaces as a result of spills, and slippery surfaces related to poor weather.
- 2. Disabling workplace injuries from same level falls resulted in about \$6.2 billion in US workers compensation claims in 2007. (Liberty Mutual Workplace Safety Index)
- 3. In Canada about 15 percent of all lost-time worker injuries are related to falls. (Pulp and Paper Health and Safety Association)
- 4. About 37 percent of workplace injuries in the US are related to slips, trips and falls. (Occupational Safety and Health Administration).
- 5. The majority of falls (60 percent) occur on the same level. (Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety)
- 6. In 2008 throughout the US, 84 workers died as a result of same level falls. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)