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)