Slips, Trips, and Playroom Falls: Managing Floor Hazards in Busy Spaces Picture This



The image shows a busy playroom with toys scattered across the floor and a small wet area near a sink. Children are moving quickly through the space while an educator speaks with a parent nearby.

What’s wrong in this picture is not one major hazard, but several small ones happening at once. Toys left in walkways increase tripping risk. The wet floor creates a slipping hazard. Distraction during a busy moment delays response.

What should be avoided is leaving floor hazards unaddressed while attention is divided. The behaviour that should be modelled is quick hazard control, even if it means pausing another task. Addressing the floor first prevents injuries before they happen.