How do we keep people from falling?

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Why is this issue important?

COMMON WORKPLACE HAZARDS: SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS
Industry Best Practices - Facility design, maintenance and house keeping
Industry Best Practices - Communications

Falls
DON'T GET TRIPPED UP!
CLEAN UP SPILLS IMMEDIATELY.

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Safety is everyone's responsibility – prevent falls
Industry Best Practices – Policies and procedures
Industry Best Practices

- Be a penguin on ice and snow
  - Wear footwear with slip-resistant soles and good treads
  - Walk like a penguin with arms extended to the side and feet pointed slightly outward
  - Adjust your pace to surface conditions
  - Watch where you're stepping

- Wear a Pair

- Bring a Spare

- Falls
  - Don't get tripped up!
  - Clean up spills immediately.

- National Safety Month 2019

- Safety is everyone's responsibility – prevent falls

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Four year statewide data for slips, trips and falls

Number of Slips, Trips and Falls per Fiscal Year

- 2016: 330
- 2017: 323
- 2018: 394
- 2019: 444
Claims by Category

Falls from Elevation vs Falls from Same Level

- Elevation: 19%
- Same Level: 81%
What else can be done?

We need to focus on individuals and behaviors!
Group discussion

• Brainstorm ideas to reduce these slip, trip and fall injuries!
Report out from each group
What’s the next steps?

• Review the ideas presented by each group
• Share ideas and best practices with all attendees
Slips, Trips and Falls Prevention needs Constant Energy

It is not a final destination - but an ongoing journey....... 

When the supply of energy stops - Slips, trips and falls increases