



HSEM BULLETIN

Slips, Trips & Falls

Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Staff and Students

Background

The total number of incidents reported in 2014 was 370, of these 198 resulted in an injury to a person. Slips, trips and falls accounted for 62 or 33% of these injuries.

Information

Slips may occur when a person's foot loses traction with the ground surface due to wearing inappropriate footwear or when walking on slippery floor surfaces such as those that are highly polished, wet or greasy.

Trips may occur when a person unexpectedly catches their foot on an object or surface. In most cases people trip on low obstacles that are not easily noticed such as uneven edges in flooring or paving, loose mats, untidy tools or cables from electrical equipment.

Falls can result from a slip or trip, but many also occur during falls from low heights such as steps, stairs and curbs or falling into a hole. Falls also occur through inattention of your surroundings, such as using your mobile phone while walking.

Recommendations

If any person sees any potential hazard(s) that may result in a slip, trip or fall, they are to contact the Properties Call Centre on ext. 2020 or lodge a service request via the online form.

All urgent requests should be directed to the Properties Call Centre by calling ext. 2020, particularly if there is a significant risk to a person(s).

Properties undertake a daily routine of sweeping the pathways at different locations around the University as well as having a programmed schedule for the maintenance and upkeep of pavers on our pathways.

Who do we call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Health and Safety on 9266 4900 or email healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au.

References

Safe Work Australia

Health, Safety and Emergency Management Performance Report 2014 Annual Report

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