

Slips, Trips, and Falls Checklist

Read each statement and place a check mark in the box indicating either Yes or No. If a check mark falls in a red-shaded box, that indicates a hazardous condition may be present and needs further attention.

Slip, Trip, and Fall Environmental Hazard Checklist				
Contamination and Irregularities (Outdoor & Indoor Walking Surfaces)	Yes	No	Locations/Comments	Who is Responsible?
Do tiles, linoleum, or other flooring have holes, cracks, or bumps?				
Is carpeting buckled, loose, or frayed?				
Are carpet edges curled up?				
Are area or small rugs loose or do they "slip"?				
Does floor feel greasy or slippery?				
Are liquid contaminants present (water, grease, oil, cleaning solutions, coffee, body fluids)?				
Are there shampoos, soaps and cleansers on the floor? (Especially for shower room and bathrooms?)				
Are dry contaminants present (powder, dirt, flour, food, wax chips)?				
Are there sudden changes in indoor floor elevation > 1/4"?				
Are there metal grates or mesh flooring in the walkway?				
Are water absorbent walk-off mats used in entrances?				
Are slip-resistant mats used in wet areas?				
Are there gaps, cracks, or holes in the outdoor walkway > 1/2"?				
Are there metal grates or mesh flooring in the walkway?				
Is the walkway uneven, with abrupt changes in level > 1/2"?				
Is there debris (pebbles, rocks, leaves, grass clippings) on the walkway?				
Are there any slippery conditions present (water, grease, ice, snow)?				
Are concrete wheel stops in the parking areas highlighted with paint?				
Drainage: Pipes and Drains	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Are drains clogged or filled with debris?				
Are pipes splashing water onto a walking surface?				
Are outside drain pipes or down spouts spilling water on walkways?				
Are pipes properly aligned with drains inside and outside of the hospital?				
Weather Conditions (Ice and Snow)	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Are bins containing ice melting chemicals and scoops provided at areas of heavy pedestrian traffic?				
Are ice-melting chemicals swept up once walkways are dry?				

Is snow removal appropriately scheduled?				
Stairs and Handrails	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Are all handrails 34–38" from the floor?				
Are handrails provided on slopes, ramps, stairs?				
Do handrails extend at least as far as the last step?				
Are handrails provided at steps				
Are the edges /noses of each step painted or marked?				
Are stairway risers and steps all of uniform size?				
Tripping Hazards (Clutter, Loose Cords, Hoses, Wires, and Medical Tubing)	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Are cords bundled using a cord organizer?				
Are cords on the floor covered with a beveled protective cover or tape?				
Are cords mounted under or on the bed frame or on equipment?				
Are hallways, stairs, and walkways clear of clutter (boxes, cords, equipment)?				
Is the shower room free of obstacles?				
Lighting (Check both inside and outside the healthcare facility.)	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Are light bulbs burned out?				
Are any areas dim, poorly lit, or shadowy?				
Is lighting appropriate for residents?				
Are there motion detector lights in resident rooms as appropriate?				
Mats	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Do mats have abrupt squared-off edges, lacking a bevel?				
Are mat edges curled up or flipped over?				
Do mats slide around on the floor?				
Are required bedside mats properly placed				
Visual Cues	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Are changes in walkway elevation highlighted?				
Are curbs highlighted?				
Are highly visible wet floor signs available and used correctly?				
Are barriers available and used to prevent access into wet or dangerous areas?				
Are wet floor signs removed promptly once floor is dry / clean?				
Safety Products	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Are the following products available and conveniently located throughout the facility?				
Wall-mounted spill absorbent pads or paper towels?				
Catch cups under hand sanitizer dispensers?				
Cups near water fountains?				
Trash cans?				
Pop-up tent floor signs?				
Umbrella bags?				

Barrier and access restriction devices?				
Resident Rooms	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Is there a two foot wide-clear path for resident to walk or propel a wheel-chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door to bed? • Bed to Commode? • Bed to Chair? • Chair to Commode? 				
Cords <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are cords secured to prevent tripping? • Are power strips used only for non-medical devices/resident small personal electronics? 				
Is furniture stable? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is bed locked? • Are bed wheels locked? • Is furniture stable when pushed? • Is chair stable? • Are bathroom rails secure? • Are all rubber tips present on bedside commode and other equipment? • Is raised toilet secure? 				
Are the resident's items within easy reach? Can the resident get to them safely? (Usually within arm's reach.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water-Hydration • Tissues • Reading Material? (Note printed material can cause a slip hazard. Is there a place for it within reach?) • TV Remote • Call light • Assistive devices-Wheelchair, walker, cane. 				
Are all lights in working order? Is there a glare in resident's eyes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedside light • Night light/Motion sensing light • Bathroom Light 				
Are call lights within reach and working properly? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedside • Bathroom 				
Is flooring free of hazards? (See Section "Contamination & Irregularities")				
Resident Footwear	Yes	No	Locations / Comments	Who is Responsible?
Are resident's feet free of problems that may prevent weight bearing or prevent the use of proper footwear?				
Have resident's been evaluated for the proper footwear for the individual?				
Are residents wearing slip-resistant shoes if indicated?				
Are residents who shuffle wearing smooth soles?				
Do shoe soles have worn-down tread?				