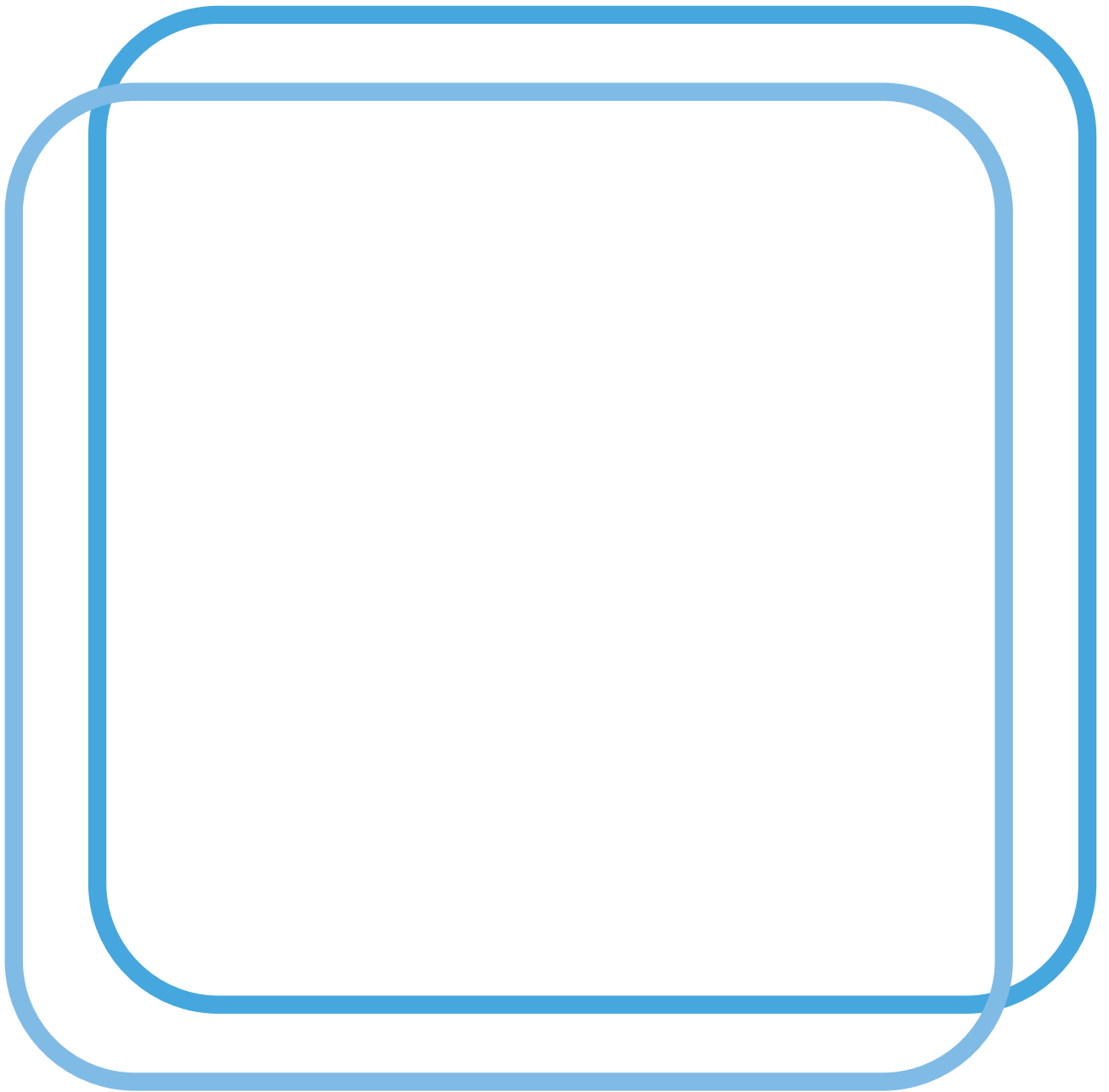


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## Introduction

### Why should I look at Slips & Trips?

Slips, trips and falls are the most common cause of non-fatal major injuries in the service industries and account for over half of all reported injuries to members of the public.

Statistically - on average slips, trips and falls lead to:

- 22% of all reported major injuries
- 20% of over-3-day injuries to employees

- 2 fatalities per year
- 50% of all reported accidents to members of the public
- costs to employers of £512 million per year
- costs to health service of £133 million per year
- incalculable human cost

### What does the law say?

The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 states that employers have duties to ensure the health and safety of employees and anyone who may be affected by their work. This includes measures to control slip, trip and fall risks.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations require employers to assess risks

(including slip, trip and fall risks) and where necessary, take action to safeguard health and safety.

The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations require floors to be suitable, in good condition and free from obstructions. People must be able to move around safely.

### What do I need to do?

- Look for slip, trip and fall hazards around your workplace
- Decide who might be harmed and how
- Consider the risks and the controls you have in place to reduce the risk. Do need to put further controls in place?

- Record significant findings if you have 5 or more employees
- Regularly review the assessment

On the following page is a checklist to get you started.

# Slips & Trips Checklist

This checklist has been designed as an aid to help you in assessing your slip, trip and fall hazards within your business. This can be used in conjunction with the risk assessment sheet to help identify possible hazards.

Name of business:	
Nature of business:	
Address:	
Name of person completing:	Date:

	<b>Section 1</b>	Yes	No
	<b>Does your premises have?</b>		
1	Flooring that can become wet or slippery		
2	Trailing cables		
3	Pot holes/uneven floors		
4	Changing floor conditions due to business process		
5	Changes of floor level (steps/ramps)		

	<b>Section 2</b>	Yes	No
1	Do you have unlit areas such as paths or yards?		
2	May temporary work activities such as maintenance alterations introduce slipping, tripping or falling hazards		
3	Has any of your matting have curled edges or are thread bare		
4	Do you use extension leads as a permanent solution to mains electric problems – could they cause a trip hazard		

If answering 'yes' to any of the above you should look into introducing controls to reduce the risk of slip, trip and fall hazards. Listed opposite are some examples.

	<b>Section 3</b>	Yes	No
	<b>Have you any of the following controls in place?</b>		
1	Handrails on sloping walkways/steps		
2	Adequate lighting inside & outside the premise		
3	Clean as you go procedures (which staff are all aware of and trained on)		
4	Entrance matting is maintained in good condition		
5	Warning signs/barriers available in-case of spill/cleaning/poor flooring		
6	A routine maintenance system in place to monitor & maintain floor conditions		
7	System in place for staff to report poor conditions/practices		
8	Exchanged permanent extension leads for fixed sockets (where possible)		

**NOTE**

This checklist has been produced to start you thinking of what hazards/controls you have at the premise. The list is not exhaustive and there maybe hazards/controls that have not been covered.