



# Safety Matters

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## **Slips, Trips & Falls**

Slips, trips and falls are the cause of one of the most reported on-the-job injuries to campus personnel. According to the National Safety Council, in 2002, one in five visitors to a hospital emergency room for an injury was there because of a fall.



Whether you are at work or home, watch out for slippery surfaces—especially on steps and stairs. Rainy or wintery weather can create many challenges to walking not only outside, but inside as mud and melting snow are tracked in by everyone.

Instead of a chair or box, use a ladder or step stool if something is out of your reach.

Consider making a small step stool available for anyone to use in your office area.

You can also help make our campus safer by reporting any tripping hazards or other unsafe conditions to the Environmental Health & Safety Department at 744-7241.

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