

Slips, Trips and Falls

Background Notes

A large number of DHS employees are injured every year from preventable falls in the office, coming and going to vehicles, and while performing home visits and other tasks outside of our offices. A number of falls result from tripping on boxes and other objects left in the route of travel. A large number occur because employees do not keep to paved pathways but cut across landscaped areas or otherwise rough terrain. Failure to use the handrail or carrying objects while using stairs are a cause. Footwear may be a contributing cause. Heels and open type of footwear are not good choices for doing home visits and may be prohibited by management. Some medications and general physical conditions may also play a role. Employees need to be aware of any personal limitations or risks and take appropriate precautions.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Review "Prevent Slips, Trips and Falls" at:

[Slips Trips and Falls](#)

Discoveries:

