



Network Bulletin

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SAFETY BULLETIN #5 WALKING

Statistics have shown that certain types of lost-time-injuries are more prevalent to HVAC Work. This bulletin has been prepared to create awareness and suggest solutions to reduce these causes of lost-time-injuries.

Case Histories

HVAC mechanic was walking backwards when he slipped into uncovered opening in floor, sustained injuries to his neck and back.

HVAC mechanic was walking when he slipped on pipe and sustained a broken right foot.

HVAC mechanic was walking when he slipped on uneven surface and twisted his ankle.

HVAC mechanic was walking in parking lot when he slipped on ice and fell, dislocating a finger on his right hand.

HVAC mechanic was walking in attic across trusses when he slipped from a truss and twisted his right knee.

HVAC mechanic was walking downstairs when he tripped and twisted his ankle.

Activity

Walking along uneven surfaces, parking lots and in confined spaces (attics) continues to be a factor in lost-time injuries for **HVAC Work** and for construction generally.

Prevention

- Whenever possible, ensure slippery or wet conditions are treated.
- Wear non-slip footwear with green triangle CSA standard (grade 1).
- Incorporate housekeeping during weekly toolbox talks.
- Ensure that floor openings are protected or covered.

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