Reducing Accidents With Regular Housekeeping

Poor housekeeping can correlate directly to slips, trips, and falls at workplaces, which can result in serious injuries, costly claims, and lost productivity.[1] Maintaining a clean and organized workspace is one of the simplest ways to help protect your employees and clients.

Where Do You Start?

Establishing a routine housekeeping plan is a solid first step. Consider incorporating the following practices at your business:

- Keep floors clean, dry, and free of clutter
- Ensure walkways and emergency exits are clear at all times
- Clean up spills and place wet floor signs where needed
- Store materials and equipment in designated areas
- Dispose of waste regularly
- Avoid letting grease and dirt build up on machines and equipment
- Inspect and repair damaged flooring, handrails, and lighting
- Make sure that electrical cords are routed away from doorways and not run under rugs or carpets
- Use proper flooring covers at entryways to reduce slips from tracked-in moisture

How Often Should You Clean?

Frequency matters. High-traffic areas, such as entryways, restrooms, and break rooms, should be addressed daily. Broader facility walkthroughs should occur weekly, with deeper cleaning and inspections conducted on a monthly basis.

Take Action

Housekeeping at your business is essential to help prevent slips, trips, and falls, and it can make a difference in keeping clients and employees safer during their day-to-day activities. A clean workplace reflects a culture of care and accountability that benefits everyone who walks through your doors.

Reach out to your local Federated® marketing representative to learn more about workplace safety topics and the risk management resources available to you.

1. *OSHA. Slips, Trips, and Falls: Preventing Workplace Trip Hazards. 2023. https://www.osha.com/blog/slips-trips-falls-prevention. Accessed July 23, 2026.*

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