

NTPC Health & Safety Alert

Slips, Trips, and Falls



Background

In February a worker was conducting a line patrol on foot. The worker slipped on an obstacle under the snow, injuring their knee.

Practical Guidance

Yes slips, trips, and falls can be prevented in our workplaces. Like any other hazard in the workplace, prevention begins with a Hazard Assessment and Control approach. It is important that we learn from this incident and are reminded of the following:

Tailboard Meetings

Tailboard Meetings are conducted to inform workers of all possible hazards and risks associated with a job, and to identify effective controls. Slip and trip hazards can be identified during the Tailboard Meeting by talking with each other and completing walk-throughs to note potential hazards. Assessing the risk involves identifying all of the factors that may contribute to the risk of a slip or trip and determining the potential likelihood and consequences of a slip or trip occurring.

Winter Traction Devices (e.g., Yaktrax)

These are worn to prevent slips and falls when working outside for extended periods of time in slippery winter conditions. Do not wear them where they will present a slipping hazard (e.g., indoors, on pavement, on stairs, etc.).

