

NTPC Health & Safety Alert

Hazards on Stairs



Background

A worker was beginning to go down a flight of stairs. There was a piece of vinyl stair trim on the top step. The trim was partially torn. The worker's foot caught on the torn trim causing him to trip. He fell forward, but managed to grip the railing and prevent a fall. This was a near miss that could have resulted in serious injuries.

Practical Guidance

This near miss was due to an unsafe condition that was left in place. Numerous employees walked past it daily, yet it was not noted.

Even in low risk environments such as offices, there are hazards – especially around areas such as stairs. It is important to take note of worksite conditions, wherever we are working:

- Be on the lookout for hazards;
- Report them; and
- Deal with them before they result in an unsafe event.

For more information contact your Health & Safety Department.

