

Slips, trips and falls at work

Injuries related to slips, trips and falls at work can be significant. Let's find out what the risks are and what we can all do to make sure floors and work practices are suitable.



Slips, trips and falls account for around 30% of all workplace accidents

Human cost of slips, trips and falls

Injuries related to slips, trips and falls at work can impact many areas of a person's life, including:



Financial cost of slips, trips and falls

There are several costs that can result from slips, trips and falls:



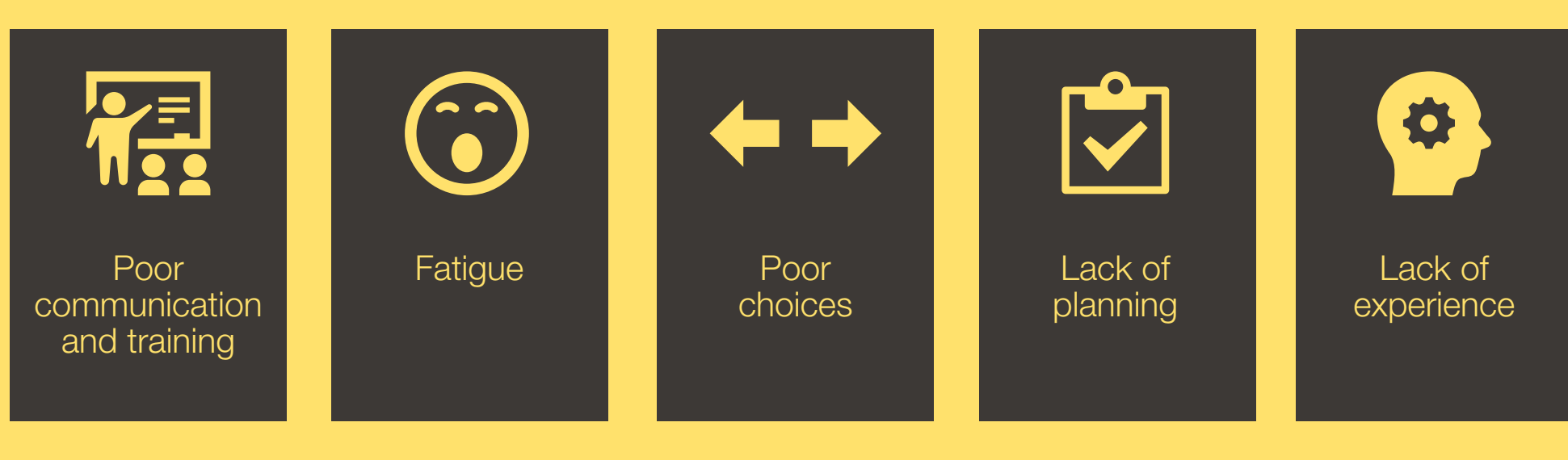
Even if you are unaware of any slip, trip and fall accidents in your work environment REMEMBER they are common so it is important to be vigilant.

Common work risks areas

Office factors



Human factors



Activities



Environmental factors



Managing the risks

Routine action can be taken to minimise the risk:

- ✓ Suitable cleaning regime
- ✓ Surface contamination checks
- ✓ Cable management
- ✓ Bins/waste emptied regularly
- ✓ Suitable storage
- ✓ Regular inspections
- ✓ Individuals taking responsibility
- ✓ Holding handrail on stairs
- ✓ Easy reporting system for defects or concerns
- ✓ Mats in entry areas
- ✓ Suitable umbrella storage
- ✓ Risk assessments for handling of items

Work with your manager on hazards with your job. After an accident someone will often say: I knew that would happen, or that nearly happened to me. We are usually aware of the issues, we just don't get around to doing something about it!

If you see a hazard, take action! If you can't resolve it, make sure the hazard is marked and report it so action can be taken.