

# BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

## Stop slips with these BWC tips

Slips, trips and falls account for a high percentage of injuries in the health-care and social assistance industries. As health care continues to become one of the largest industries in the U.S., the number of workers at risk for sustaining these injuries continues to increase.

Slips, trips and falls can be costly for businesses and workers in the health-care industry.

Fortunately, there are a number of steps you can take to minimize hazards that can contribute to injuries and fatalities. These include:

- Assessing facilities and grounds for potential hazards;
- Repairing and maintaining floor surfaces, parking lots and walkways;
- Providing anti-slip floor treatments and mats in hazardous areas;
- Minimizing or clearly marking elevation changes or slip, trip and fall hazards;
- Providing adequate lighting in all areas.

BWC is committed to making worksites safer throughout Ohio. Our services, including online and in-person training courses, expert consultations, videos and safety grants are available to you at no additional cost. These services are designed to assist you in addressing hazardous workplace conditions and improving the safety of your workers.

Contact BWC to learn more about these services and how to protect your employees from other common workplace hazards, such as:

- Overexertion;
- Open wounds from needle sticks, lancets, knives and other sharp objects;
- Getting struck by and striking against objects;
- Chemical exposure.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the health-care industry by [clicking here](#).

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