

# BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

## Stay on your feet with BWC

Slips, trips and falls are some of the most common workplace accidents in all industries, including the public sector. According to the 2013 Liberty Mutual Workplace Safety Index, falls were the second leading cause of workplace injuries in 2013.

There are a number of steps public employers can take to minimize hazards that can contribute to injuries and fatalities. These include:

- Assessing grounds and facilities for hazards and developing appropriate control measures;
- Repairing or maintaining walking surfaces so they are free from obstructions and hazards;
- Ensuring good lighting and clearly marking elevation changes and hazards;
- Developing policies and procedures for use of fall protection devices and enforcing them.

BWC offers a variety of safety services that can assist your business in addressing hazardous workplace conditions and improve the safety of your workers. These services, such as online and in-person training courses, expert consultations, videos and safety grants, are available to your business at no additional cost.

BWC is committed to making your work site safe. We also have resources to protect your employees from other common workplace hazards, such as:

- Cuts, lacerations and punctures;
- Confined spaces;
- Overexertion and cumulative trauma;
- Getting struck by objects.

More information is available about preventing injuries for public employers by [clicking here](#). Connect with a BWC safety consultant at 1-866-569-7805 or via email at [besafe@ohiobwc.com](mailto:besafe@ohiobwc.com).