

BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Stay on your feet with BWC

Slips, trips and falls are a common hazard in the wholesale and retail trade industry. These hazards can lead to back injuries, contusions, sprains, head injuries, paralysis and even death. Spills, poor lighting and unkempt walkways are the most common causes of these types of accidents.

There are a number of steps employers in the wholesale and retail trade industry can take to minimize hazards that can contribute to injuries and fatalities. These include:

- Assess facilities and grounds for potential slip, trip and fall hazards;
- Apply anti-slip floor treatments and mats in hazardous areas;
- Provide adequate lighting in all areas;
- Insist on good housekeeping and use of appropriate footwear.

BWC offers a variety of safety and health 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 you at no additional cost.

BWC is committed to making work sites safer throughout Ohio. We also have resources to protect your employees from other common workplace hazards, including:

- Workplace violence;
- Getting struck by forklifts or other equipment and falling objects;
- Cuts, lacerations and sharp object penetrations;
- Getting struck by objects.

Businesses that have used our safety services in the past have reduced the amount of injury claims in the area of intervention. These preventative measures will go a long way in raising the productivity and morale of your employees.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the retail and wholesale industry by [clicking here](#).

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