Toolbox Talk 1: Slips, trips and ice on site

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> **Why it matters.** Slips and trips are among the most common causes of injury on construction sites, and frost, ice, mud and dark mornings make them far more likely in winter.

KEY POINTS

- Check your route before you walk it: haul roads, footpaths, steps, ramps and welfare entrances are the usual problem areas.
- Report icy or muddy areas straight away so they can be gritted, cleared or fenced off.
- Use the designated walkways. Don't take shortcuts across plant areas, spoil heaps or uneven ground.
- Keep work areas tidy: cables, offcuts, hoses and tools left lying around are trip hazards, especially in poor light.
- Wear safety boots with a good tread, and replace them when the sole is worn smooth.
- Take extra care getting in and out of plant and vans: use three points of contact on steps and grab handles.
- Make sure lighting is working before it gets dark, and report any lights that have failed.

SITE-SPECIFIC POINTS (ADD BEFORE DELIVERY)

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE TEAM

- Where on this site is most likely to ice over first thing?
- Who grits, and when, and where is the grit kept?
- What would you do if you found an unlit, icy footpath?

References. HSE – Slips and trips in construction (hse.gov.uk/construction); CDM 2015 regulations 17 (safe places of construction work), 18 (good order) and 27 (traffic routes).

ATTENDANCE RECORD

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