

SLIP RESISTANT SHOES

Try Safety On for Size

Slip preventing shoes

Safety on the job starts with workers outfitted for optimal comfort, easy movement and protection from normal, everyday hazards. Since slips and falls are responsible for so many workplace injuries, shoes with soles made to prevent slipping and falling are every worker's first line of defense. Here are some tips to follow when choosing a pair of slip-preventing shoes:

Here's what to look for...

HEEL - Flat

SOLE - Patterned tread covering entire sole

RUBBER SOLE - Nitrile rubber (should smell like a car tire)

COMFORTABLE - Good fit, good ankle support

WIDE GROOVES - Two millimeters between grooves to prevent water retention

DEEP GROOVES - Three millimeters deep to disperse liquid

- ◆ When the tread wears off the shoe gets slippery — replace it
- ◆ Different working environments may require different tread materials or Safety Footwear — i.e., an environment where there is oil needs an oil-resistant sole
- ◆ Determine if a crush proof toe is required for protection
- ◆ Comfort isn't a slip-resistant feature, but if their shoes are uncomfortable employees won't wear them.

In 2015, 50,490 workers were injured badly enough in a fall to require days off of work.

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