The goal is to keep healthcare workers safe by promoting safety awareness. Every day slips, trips, and falls seriously injure more people than any other type of accident, outside of automobile accidents. Look for these common hazards and take time for these simple precautions:

**Slippery Surfaces**

* Beware of wet or soiled floors, especially in the lobby, hallways, patient rooms, and the cafeteria.
  + Clean up spills immediately when you can or get help.
  + Place warning signs in front of the wet area or get someone to do it.
* During rainy or icy weather:
  + Wipe off shoes on mats provided in lobby and at entrances.
  + Encourage employees and visitors to use umbrella covers when provided.

**Tripping Hazards**

* Keep all cords out of the way or covered. Pay special attention to:
  + IVs in patient rooms
  + Monitors in the ED and OR
  + Electrical cords in office areas
* Keep all desk drawers, file cabinets, and doors closed, specifically in office areas and at nurses’ stations.
* Return patient monitoring and patient transfer equipment to their proper place after use.
* Watch your step, especially in cluttered or obstructed work areas, areas with uneven surfaces, on sidewalks, and in parking lots and garages.

**Footwear**

* Wear shoes with slip-resistant soles, particularly in patient care areas and in the cafeteria.
  + Avoid high-heeled shoes, smooth soles, and clogs.