



Slips, Trips and Falls - for Tow Truck Drivers

Introduction:

We have all experienced a slip, trip or fall at some time in our lives. A trip over a rug or cord or maybe a slip on a wet or icy surface. Slips, trips and falls can happen suddenly, without warning. At home or at work, and can cause serious injuries.

Slips, trips, and falls constitute the majority of general industry accidents. They cause 15% of all accidental deaths, and are second only to motor vehicles as a cause of fatalities.

Steer, drive axle or trailer tire failure are all serious events with the potential to cause a major crash. It doesn't even have to be a large truck -tire failure in your car can also be disastrous!

Discussion Points:

- What Defines Slips, Trips and Falls?
- What is the Impact of Slips, Trips, and Falls?
- How Do Slips, Trips and Falls Happen?
- How to Prevent Slips, Trips and Falls in the Workplace.

Discussion:

Slips, trips, and falls are preventable.

Good housekeeping, quality of walking surfaces, selection of proper footwear, and appropriate pace of walking and maneuvering in and out of places are critical for preventing fall accidents. Employers are required to provide you with safe working environments that adhere to the OSHA standard for walking and working surfaces.

Never jump or dismount face first from equipment. Maintain three points of contact when entering and exiting equipment.

As always, be safe out there!