



TEXAS OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION SAFETY TALKS

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Slips, Trips, and Falls Prevention

What this Safety Talk Covers:

The “Dos” and “Don’ts” for preventing slips, trips, and falls at a worksite or in the oilfield.

Discussion Notes:

Discuss the outcomes of the “Dos” and “Don’ts.”

- Do**
- ✓ Keep walking and working surfaces clear of tools, hoses, and cables. It’s common around drilling rigs and flowlines for equipment to be temporarily laid out. Make it a habit to secure or reroute anything that can become a tripping hazard.
 - ✓ Wear oil-resistant, slip-resistant boots. Mud, drilling fluids and oil spills are common on worksites. The right footwear is critical for maintaining traction on slick metal grating, rig floors, and catwalks.
 - ✓ Use proper access points and handrails when climbing on or off equipment.
 - ✓ Report and mark slippery conditions immediately. Conditions can change quickly. Whether it’s a hydraulic fluid near a wellhead or ice on a pipeline catwalk, flag it and notify your supervisor so it gets cleaned or treated quickly.
 - ✓ Inspect your work area at the start of each shift. Muddy pipe yards, uneven terrain at lease roads and loose gravel near tanks all pose risks. A quick scan can prevent a bad fall.
 - ✓ Maintain three points of contact when climbing. Using both hands and one foot (or vice versa) helps you stay secure.
- Don’t**
- ✗ Step over or walk on unsecured hoses or cables.
 - ✗ Ignore damaged grating, uneven surfaces or broken stairs. These are common around separators and in older refinery areas. Tag it, report it and avoid the area until it’s repaired.
 - ✗ Leave tools, chains or shackles scattered around. Pipe yards and rig floors get cluttered fast. Clean up your area before it becomes a hazard.
 - ✗ Jump off equipment or platforms. Even if it’s just a short drop, the ground on site may be uneven, wet or soft. Always climb down properly.
 - ✗ Assume others know about hazards you’ve noticed. If you see a trip hazard or slippery patch, speak up. Oilfields and worksites are team environments, and everyone’s safety depends on good communication.



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Meeting notes:

Employee comments/concerns: _____

Other safety issues to be addressed on the job/facility: _____

Training record:

Date: _____ Jobsite/Facility: _____

Trainer: _____ Title: _____

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Employee Quiz is provided on last page. Answers are: 1. (c), 2. (a), 3. (b), 4. (d), 5. (b)



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Employee Quiz Slips, Trips, and Falls Prevention

Employee Name: _____

Circle the correct answer below.

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| <p>1. What type of footwear is best suited for preventing slips in the oilfield?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Steel-toe sneakersb. Regular hiking bootsc. Oil-resistant, slip-resistant bootsd. Rubber sandals <p>2. When should you inspect your work area for slip, trip, and fall hazards?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. At the start of each shiftb. Once a weekc. Only after it rainsd. Only when a hazard is reported <p>3. Why is it dangerous to walk on hoses or flowlines in the oilfield?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. They might be hotb. They are easy to trip on or roll an anklec. It helps them last longerd. It's not dangerous if you're careful | <p>4. Which of the following is a good practice to help prevent tripping hazards in the oilfield?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Stepping over unsecured hosesb. Leaving chains and tools where you finish using themc. Ignoring temporary spills if they're smalld. Keeping walkways clear of cables and equipment <p>5. It's okay to jump off platforms if they are only a few feet high.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Trueb. False |
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