

Safer places of Worship

Slips and Trips

Slips and trips are a common cause of accidents and injuries.

When performing a risk assessment think about:

Flooring and the environment	A safe floor has no unexpected changes in level, and no damage to surfaces. Carpets need to be securely fixed down. Have you thought about other factors like good lighting, distractions such as loud or unfamiliar noises, the effect of the weather, eg ice, condensation, rain.
Contaminations and cleaning	Most floors only become slippery once contaminated with e.g. rainwater, grease, product wrappers. Can you reduce or prevent this? Cleaning can create risks from slippery floors and trailing wires.
Housekeeping	Can you improve your housekeeping to reduce accidents? Keep walkways clear and rooms tidy with suitable storage and waste bins.
People	Do you and your team have a 'see it, sort it out' approach. A positive attitude, rather than waiting for someone else to sort it out can reduce the risk of accidents.

For more information on what causes slips and trips visit
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/slips/causes.htm>