

SAFETY FLASH 26-116: SLIPPING, TRIPPING AND FALLING

Slipping, tripping and falling is very common in the inland shipping industry, it happens multiple times a week. Small adjustments can prevent bad injuries from happening or even worse!

GOOD PRACTICE

- A tidy work area.
- Ridges, wheelhouse pit and stairs are marked clearly.
- Wearing safety shoes and a life jacket.
- Sufficient lighting in the work area.
- Walkways (including steps) are free from obstacles and marked with anti-slip.
- Manholes are closed or sufficiently protected or marked.
- Walk backwards down the stairs and hold the railing.
- Ensure a good and safe stepover.



BAD PRACTICE

- x Walking on slippery, wet or icy surface.
- x Wearing inappropriate footwear.
- x Walking backwards on deck.
- x Climbing over the pipes.
- x Open manholes without protection or marking.



ACTION QUESTIONS

- Are ridges, stairs and wheelhouse pit clearly marked on board?
- What type of footwear do you use on board and when do you use them?
- How can we help each other?
(For example: Addressing one another on unsafe behaviour)

