



SAFETY TALK

RETAIL SLIPS & TRIPS

Falls are pervasive across all industries including retail. Falls from a standing position are the most common type of fall and are especially dangerous because of the injuries they produce. Strains, sprains, back and hip injuries can result. These injuries can be minor but could also require surgery. Both employees and customers can trip over tow bars, uneven concrete, tools (brooms) and fixtures in the garden center. They could also slip on shrink wrapping, wet concrete floors & plant debris/soil. Review these safety tips with your employees and encourage safety at work.



WORKSAFE TIPS!

- Always wear your steel toed shoes!
- Never pull a train of racks through the store or garden center and never leave them hooked together. Leave tow bars in a upright position.
- Scan ahead when walking through the garden center or store.
- Slow down, pay attention and DO NOT RUN.
- Squeegee large puddles of water immediately if possible. Post warning/hazard signs for customers to make them aware of the area.
- Clean up/remove loose soil or plant debris from garden center floors whenever possible.
- Dispose of all shrink wrap in the garbage.
- Keep garden center aisles clear of clutter for the customers, yourself & co-workers.
- Put all tools (brooms, squeegee, shovels) away in their designated spot after use.
- Tuck watering hoses away under benches when not in use.
- Get help when moving extra heavy loads. Plan the lift and the path.

TRIP HAZARDS

Watch out for uneven concrete floors!



SLIP & TRIP HAZARDS

Keep garden centre clear of clutter



SLIP HAZARD

Squeegee large puddles when possible

