## Hazard Alert



## Slips and Falls

A worker slipped and fell on stairs when exiting a building and fractured their ankle.

## **Safe Work Practices**

In general, slips and falls occur due to a loss of traction on a slippery surface, which can lead to a fall. Follow these practices:

- Check floors, platforms, stairs, walkways, and outdoor surfaces for slippery patches;
- Wear appropriate shoes, boots, and traction aids for the weather conditions:
- When patches of ice appear, use sanding and snow removal as soon as possible; and,
- Make sure to use available hand railings when on stairs, platforms, and entering or exiting a building.

## What the Legislation Says

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations NWT: 100. (1) An employer shall require that (a) a worker uses footwear suitable to minimize any risks associated with the work site.

The Northwest Territories and Nunavut Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, Section 254 state: An employer shall provide and maintain a safe means of entrance to and exit from a work site.

Mines Act, Health and Safety Regulations NWT, States:, section 9.45. The manager shall ensure that all doors through which vehicles and pedestrians pass or which cover ore pass and waste pass dumps shall be clearly distinguishable from the surroundings.

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Mines Act, Health and Safety Regulations NWT, states:, section 9.04. The manager shall develop and implement an effective housekeeping program to ensure that (a) all worksites and travelways are maintained in a safe condition; (b) materials and equipment are stored in a manner so as not to endanger persons; and (c) appropriate action is taken whenever necessary to maintain a hazard-free environment.

Mines Act, Health and Safety Regulations NWT, States: section 5.07 (e) be knowledgeable about essential safeguards against hazards and about safe working procedures at the worksites for which he or she is responsible so that he or she can routinely assess the safety of the environment and operations affecting persons in those worksites