

With the Ministry of Labour (MOL) turning its attention to slip, trip and fall hazards this November, businesses can expect surprise visits from MOL inspectors looking for vulnerabilities that place employees and customers at risk. Here are a few tips:



USE PROPER ELEVATION DEVICES

- Use a proper elevation device such as a step stool or ladder when placing items at a height.
- Placing both feet firmly on a step stool or ladder greatly reduces the chances of workers slipping or falling off.
- Ensure the step stool is secure to minimize chances of it moving while the worker is stocking shelves.

USE SLIP-PROOF TREADS ON SLOPED RAMPS

- Slip-proof treads reduce trip hazards when used to fill gaps between floor tiles.



- They also provide better traction on sloped ramps.



KEEP AISLE FLOORS DRY, FREE OF CLUTTER AND IN GOOD REPAIR

- Merchandise strewn across aisle floors present trip hazards.
- Liquids spilling out of packages could lead to workers or customers slipping on wet floors.
- Ensure flooring is in good condition and aisles are well lit at all times.



WEAR PROPER FOOTWEAR

- Ensure all staff wear proper footwear with anti-slip soles that provide added traction whether worn indoors or outdoors.



ACT IMMEDIATELY IN CASES OF SPILLAGE

- Cordon off areas or place warning signs to draw attention to wet floors.
- Clean all spills immediately.