

Monthly Safety Newsletter



FOOTWEAR IN THE WORKPLACE

Being footloose is not always for the best!

Proper footwear is an important aspect of workplace health and safety. In fact, it is as important outdoors as it is indoors outside of the elements. Please consider the following guidelines for optimal indoor and outdoor footwear:

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- No matter whether you are walking indoors or outdoors, always remain aware of your environment, including where you walk and step.
- If your footwear has laces, please keep them tied securely at all times.

EXTERIOR FOOTWEAR

- During the winter and spring seasons, ground conditions may often vary from wet and muddy to icy and slippery.
- It is important to choose exterior footwear that has a gripped slip-resistant sole for increased traction; this lessens the likelihood of slips and falls.
- Use appropriate walking paths and remain aware of your surroundings to avoid potential hazards.

INTERIOR FOOTWEAR

- Even if indoors, hazards brought in from outside or spills could arise.
- Consider slip-resistant footwear for indoors; avoid slippers!
- Open-toed footwear is not permitted in lab spaces.
- Report any hazardous indoor conditions that could lead to a slip, trip, and/or fall.



WORKER'S RIGHTS

KNOW

You have the right to know about health and safety matters in the workplace.

PARTICIPATE

You have the right to participate in conversations and decisions that could affect your health and safety in the workplace.

REFUSE

You have the right to refuse work that could affect your health and safety in the workplace.