

Tips on How to Prevent Slips, Trips and Falls

Flooring and Walking Surfaces

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Be aware of slick surfaces, take an alternate route if necessary and remember to dry your feet



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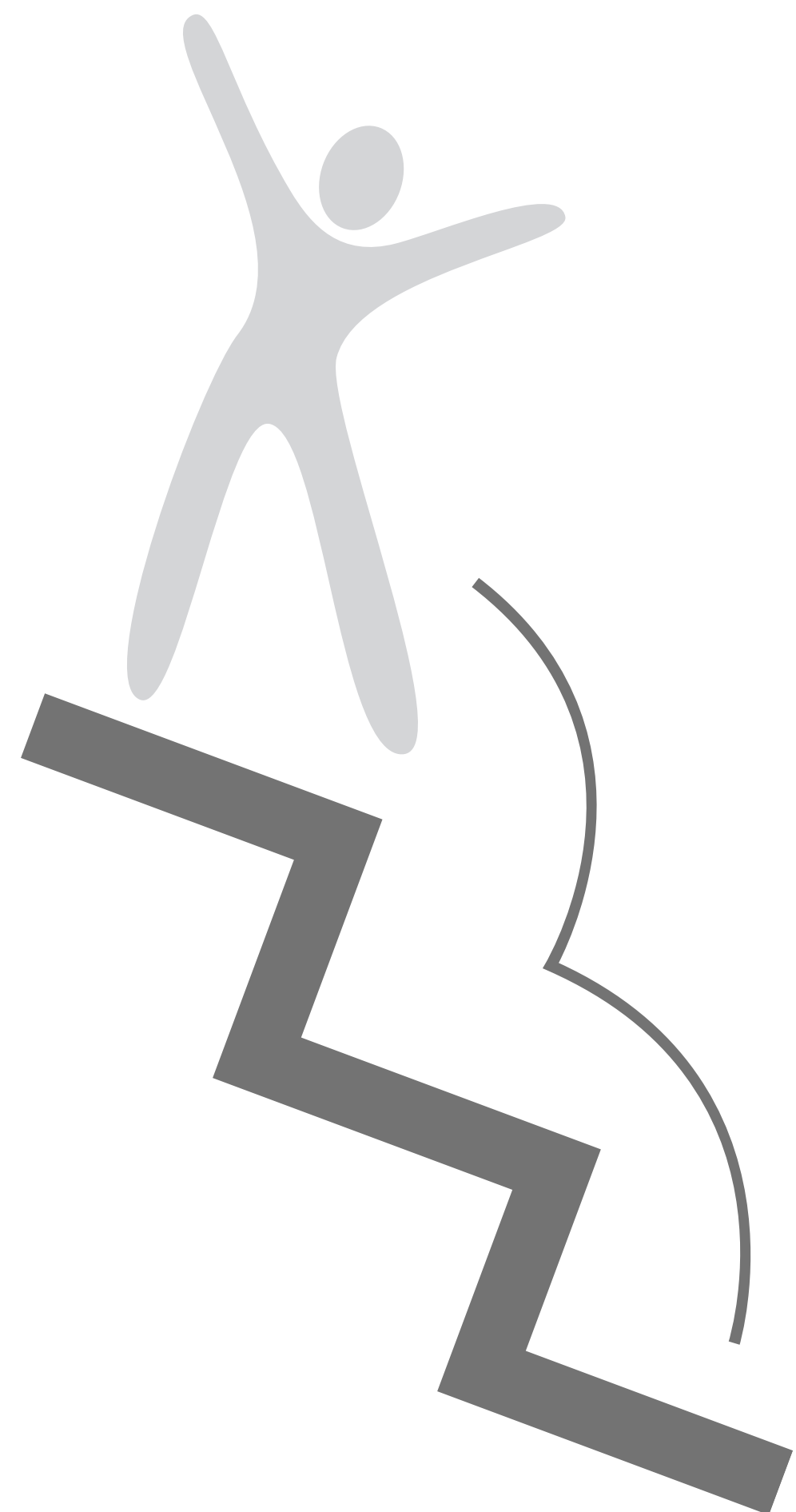
Use caution when walking on surfaces with changes in elevation such as slopes or stairs

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Always use handrails when available

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If a hazard is identified such as broken tiles or ripped carpeting always report it



Flooring and Walking Surfaces Training Guide

Below are questions and talking guides for flooring and walking surfaces.

Wet Floors

Should we heed a wet floor sign if the area looks dry?

Yes, always heed warning signs as floors can appear dry however, certain tiles or painted surfaces need to be completely dried before walking on to prevent slipping

Reporting

Discuss who should be contacted in the school when there is a large or hazardous spill?

Small non-hazardous spills can and should be cleaned up immediately and a wet floor sign should be placed.

Flooring Damage or Issues

- If someone spots flooring that is broken, has tears or is creating a hazardous area to walk, place signage to reroute foot traffic and report it
- Sidewalks and parking lots can be some of the biggest problem areas and should be included in the reporting as well

Conclusion

As with other hazards in the school it's best not to assume that someone else will find the issue and take care of it. Take time to keep others away from an identified hazard as well as possible, and then report the issue so that it can be corrected.