

# INCIDENT ALERT

**LOCATION:** Company-wide

**ALERT STATUS:** Normal

**ACTIVITY:** Maintenance & Housekeeping

**DATE ISSUED:** 03/02/09

**SUB ACTIVITY:** N/A

**INCIDENT No:** 00209

## TITLE

Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls

## ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

A recent slip trip fall event at the Ridge Chipping Sodbury resulted in a +3 day lost time injury reportable to the HSE. A bruising injury was sustained to the head and back of the Injured Person caused by a spilt beverage in a welfare area. The individual that caused the spillage was attempting to clean up the beverage with a wet cloth at the time the IP Fell.

The individual attempting to clean the spillage did inform the IP of the hazard verbally but by this time the IP had already stepped onto the wet floor.

## ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES

## LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

Housekeeping top tips CE

- Identify the hazard with a Warning Notice
- Use the correct amount of cleaning product
- Detergent needs time to work on greasy floors
- Cleaning equipment will only be effective if it is well maintained
- A dry mop or squeegee will reduce floor-drying time
- Whilst the floor is damp there will be a slip risk.
- A well-wrung mop will leave a thin film of water sufficient enough to create a slip risk on a smooth floor.
- Spot clean where possible.

Advice from the HSE Prevention of Slip, Trip Falls at Work Campaign:

Cleaning and maintenance -

- Train workers in the correct use of any safety and cleaning equipment provided.
- Cleaning methods and equipment must be suitable for the type of surface being treated.

## LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES

