

# Five Common Contributing Factors Stats and Facts

## FACTS

1. Wet or damp floors are not the only cause of slip, trip and fall accidents within a facility. Clutter, footwear and improper cleaning can also cause hazards for both employees and building occupants alike.
2. Housekeeping includes keeping work areas neat and orderly and keeping aisles, floors and stairs free from slip and trip hazards. The removal of waste (paper, cardboard, containers, used chemicals, etc.) from the work area is valuable in reducing accidents.
3. Housekeeping requires focusing attention on important details in the workplace such as layout, aisle markings, adequacy of storage facilities and maintenance.
4. Experience has shown that good housekeeping is an essential and effective part of a safety and health program. Effective housekeeping helps eliminate workplace hazards and promotes a safer, more efficient work environment.

## STATS

- *A 2016 survey of 2,000 US hiring and HR managers by CareerBuilder showed in the workplace that the top distraction culprits included smartphones (55%), the internet (41%), gossip (37%), social media (37%), co-workers dropping by (27%), smoking or snack breaks (27%), email (26%), meetings, (24%), and noisy co-workers (20%).*
- *The latest workplace injury statistics for 2020, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

- Nearly 3 out of 4 workers (70%) admit they feel distracted at work, with 16% of people stating that they're almost always distracted.
- Almost three-quarters of employers surveyed by CareerBuilder said that two or more hours a day were lost in productivity because of workplace distractions, with nearly half (43%) estimating they lost three or more hours a day.
- A Survey of 2,000 people by financial management service Think Money in the UK reported that a third of employees are distracted at work for up to three hours a day.
- Only 30% of the employees in America are engaged in work. If we look at workplace complacency statistics from a global perspective, there are only 13% of the employees worldwide who are engaged in an office environment.
- Top distractions identified by Udemy for Business in their survey included talkative co-workers (cited by 80% of workers surveyed), and office noise (70%).
- Meetings were blamed for low productivity by 60% of respondents, while 58% said that, although they don't need social media to do their jobs, they couldn't make it through the working day without checking platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Workplace injuries are alarmingly common. According to the National Safety Council, in the United States, a worker is injured on the job every seven seconds. This equates to:
  - 540 work injuries per hour
  - 12,900 work injuries per day
  - 90,400 work injuries per week
  - 7 million work injuries per year!