



## Walkway and Stairwell Worksite

### Example:

Ms. Smith was walking down a set of stairs with a stack of books in her hands. She stepped on a pebble on the step, and fell down four steps, and fractured her leg.

The most injuries result from falls, whether it is from the same level, or down stairs. Many times a housekeeping issue is to blame. Let's discuss how to prevent these types of falls.

### Walkway Safety:

- Create good housekeeping practices
- Reduce wet or slippery surfaces
- Avoid creating obstacles in aisles and walkways
- Create and maintain proper lighting

### Stair Safety:

Use these common sense guidelines to ensure falls downstairs don't happen:

- Clean up spills, report damage and remove any foreign objects that could cause tripping
- Do not carry objects that obstruct your vision
- Don't run, and ensure proper footing when going down the stairs
- Use handrails



### TALK IT OVER:

What will we do in our unit today to prevent falls in walkways and stairwells?