

**Health, Safety &  
Wellbeing Department  
SAFETY ALERT**



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**SUBJECT:**

A review of Slip Trip and Fall accidents reported to the Health and Safety Executive, showed 16 such accidents in the last 3 years, across NHSBT.

There is an opportunity for improvement to prevent further serious injuries following slips, trips or falls, by carrying out Health and Safety Observations and reporting any unsafe conditions as near misses.

**PROBLEM:**

There is a risk that staff are not identifying trip hazards due to familiarity with their environment.

**ACTION BY:**

All departmental managers.

**ACTION:**

1. Immediate - Carry out Slips Trips and Falls Health Safety and Wellbeing Observation. Template is available on People First/ Safety/ Reducing Accidents.
2. Immediate - Check all work areas in your department for slip and trip hazards. Encourage cooperation with other departments or union reps.
3. Immediate – Resolve any issues that have been identified.
4. Immediate - Enter the outcome on Datix as Health Safety and Wellbeing Observation.
5. Remind team about their responsibility to identify and report slip and trip hazards, before these cause injuries.
6. Remind team leaders about their responsibility to ensure slip and trip hazards are reported and resolved.

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**FEEDBACK REQUIREMENTS:**

Confirm via voting button that all Immediate actions are completed.  
Feedback on actions 5 and 6 to be provided at Centre Partnership Committee.