

Slip, Trip and Fall Safety Notice

There has been an increase in the number of slips, trips, and falls across the University, some resulting in injury.

We can all play a role in minimising the risks of further incidents by taking extra care when moving around the Campus and being vigilant in either eliminating or reporting hazards.

Slips and trips usually occur when something comes between your foot and the floor surface. This may be water, chemical spills, leaves, or obstacles such as computer cords, bags, or lifted pavers.

It can be hard to notice some slip or trip hazards, particularly if you are not mindful whilst moving. There are many practical ways that you can help to improve the safety of yourself and others:

- Cleaning up spills.
- Wearing suitable footwear for the activity. For general workstation work closed in shoes such as boots, court or sandals with good tread are recommended.
- Being more mindful when moving around. Building entrances and thoroughfares are a potential slip hazard in wet weather.
- Using the handrails when walking up and down stairs. Sanitiser/hand washing points are freely available or walk next to the handrail if you do not wish to touch it.
- Ensure you have good visibility of your intended path.
- Maintain good housekeeping practices keeping pathways clear.
- If you do see a maintenance hazard this can be raised:
 - 1) Phoning or emailing Digital & Campus Support Services - Service Desk on 63045554 or fsc@ecu.edu.au and they will raise a maintenance request on your behalf after collecting all the information from you.
 - 2) A person reporting the maintenance or cleaning issue/defect to fill out the [online form](#) located on ECU's Digital and Campus Services website. This will then send Digital & Campus Support Services an email notification and they will raise a maintenance request on your behalf using the information submitted online.
 - 3) Raise a Maintenance hazard through the Riskware system. Further information on how to conduct this is included under the Riskware Hazard and Incident Module Guides - "Report a Hazard" info sheet.

If you require any assistance in identifying or controlling slip and trip hazards in your work area please do not hesitate to contact the Safety and Employment Relations Team on 08 6304 2302.
