



factsheet

trip hazards

Nationally 1 slip or trip accident is reported every 3 minutes!

Over a third of all major injuries reported each year are caused as a result of a slip or trip (the single most common cause of injuries at work). In 1993-1994 over 33,000 slip, trip and fall injuries were reported to enforcing authorities.

These cost employers over £512 million a year. Costs to business can include civil damages, administration and insurance costs, lost production and absences from work as well as lost customers.

Effective solutions are often simple, cheap and can

Recent Cases:

A) Convenience store was prosecuted £4,500 in January 2002

This followed a tripping accident to a customer in September 2000. The customer tripped over newspaper plastic binding (used to hold the newspapers together), causing an injury to her hip. She was unable to work for 5 months.

B) Major electrical retailer, fined £9,000 for two tripping accidents in September 2002

A member of the public tripped over one of 21 unmarked plinths and fractured their arm.

