Preventing Slips, Trips & Falls – Implementing a Slip-Resistant Shoe Program

It shouldn’t be a surprise to anybody that the leading source of injury in industries such as restaurants and grocery stores are slips/trips/falls due to the wet and slippery conditions that are encountered on a daily basis. An option to reduce this exposure is taking a look at the type of footwear being worn by employees exposed to these conditions.

A number of shoe manufacturers put out slip-resistant products including Tred Safe, Knapp, Safetrex and Shoes for Crews. These shoes have significantly reduced the amount of slips/falls within facilities, and the frequency of workers compensation claims due to slips/falls by organizations who implement such a program are significantly reduced.

A study of two similar fast food restaurants has also proven these statistics as can be seen in the following graph: A recent news article showed two studies that were done where this type of program was implemented. Both organizations showed a decrease in slips/trips/falls by 60% in less than a one-year period.

Several of these footwear companies also have such confidence in their product that if any employee has a slip/fall accident in the workplace while wearing their shoes, the company will reimburse the company up to $5,000 for each workers compensation claim.

For more information on such a program, contact your Loss Control representative.