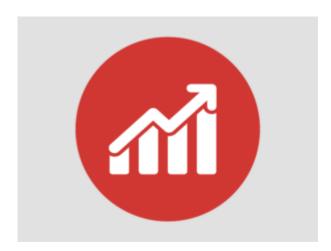
Slips, Trips, And Falls — Landscaping Stats and Facts



FACTS

Primary hazards and types of injuries associated with slips, trips, and falls in landscaping:

1. Uneven and Slippery Surfaces

- Uneven Terrain: Landscaping often involves working on natural and uneven ground surfaces.
- ∘ **Wet or Muddy Conditions:** Rain can create wet and slippery conditions[].

1. Obstacles and Clutter

 Tools and Equipment: When left on the ground these can create tripping hazards if not properly stored.

1. Improper Footwear

 \circ Wearing inappropriate footwear without adequate grip increases the risk of slipping.

Types of Injuries

1. Sprains and Strains

 Result from sudden falls or trips, causing overextension of muscles and tendons.

1. Fractures

• Falls from heights or tripping over obstacles can lead to broken bones.

1. Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs)

• Severe impacts during falls cause concussions and traumatic brain injuries.

1. Back and Spinal Cord Injuries

• Falls can lead to herniated discs and, spinal cord damage.

STATS

• In 2023, slips, trips, and falls accounted for over 450,540 work injuries and 865 work-related deaths across various industries, including landscaping.

- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, slips, trips, and falls are one of the most common causes of non-fatal workplace injuries. They accounted for 27% of all workplace injuries in 2021
- In the construction industry, which includes landscaping, slips, trips, and falls are particularly prevalent. In 2021, nearly one in five workplace deaths occurred in the construction sector, with over 33% of these deaths attributed to falls.
- In Canada, slips, trips, and falls are also a leading cause of workplace injuries. These incidents account for a significant number of workers' compensation claims and result in substantial lost work time.