Spill and Leak Management – Schools Picture This





The image shows a school staff member about to slip on a liquid spill in a hallway.

The puddle is clearly visible but unmarked and unattended, posing a major risk not only to students but also to staff. Without warning signs, cleanup efforts, or protective protocols, such hazards can cause injuries, missed workdays, or potential liability for the institution.

What to Do Safely: Schools must enforce a policy that ensures immediate reporting and clean-up of any spills. Floors should be monitored regularly, and “Wet Floor” signs must be placed promptly when a spill is found. In addition, custodial staff should be trained and equipped with the right tools and cleaning solutions, while everyone in the school should be encouraged to report spills quickly to avoid preventable accidents.