

Say NO to Wipeouts! (S.NO.W.) A Slip/Trip/Fall (STF) Prevention Program



○ Suggested Year-Round Initiatives

- Coordinated by each school's safety advocate(s).
- Participate in a 45-minute GoToWebinar with Multi-line staff to go over the *Why's and How's* of the program, meet other safety advocates and share ideas. Nov. 23, 3:30 pm.
- **PROPER FOOTWEAR:** Educate staff on proper footwear for the conditions. Encourage co-workers to help each other out by noticing proper footwear and praising them for wearing it or mentioning (if improper footwear) they would hate to see them fall and hurt themselves.
- **POSTERS:** Multi-line has new *Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls* posters for you.
- **ICE ALERTS:** Signs in your parking lots which turn blue, to look like a snowflake, when the temperature hits 32 degrees, reminding people to be careful due to snow and icy conditions.
- **SNOW/ICE TRACTION DEVICES:** Purchase them for each staff member. Use the VSBIT Multi-Line safety grant to pay for them. Would your Union help out with the cost? Educate them on proper use, such as removing them upon entering the building.
- **STOMP:** Upon entering the school building, stomp the snow and water off your boots. Better yet, take your boots off and put your indoor shoes on.
- **WEATHER REPORT:** If a storm is brewing for the next day, post a weather report encouraging staff to get an earlier start in the morning and to wearing proper footwear.
- **PARKING LOT HELPER:** Take turns being a parking lot helper. During snowy and/or icy conditions, have helpers in the parking lot to assist those in need. Encourage staff to wear proper footwear and/or their traction devices.
- **WET FLOOR SIGNS:** Have plenty of signs available to place in wet floor areas. If you notice a wet area, notify Facilities Staff, or place a sign there yourself.
- **TAKE 5/STAY ALIVE!** Look around you for 5 seconds before moving, always. It's a good habit.
- **BACKPACK:** Instead of carrying items in your hands, use a backpack or travel bag and roll your materials.
- **IT CAN WAIT!** Put your phone away and pay attention to walking, not talking on your phone.
- **PRIZES:** Hold a monthly drawing. Co-workers can nominate co-workers for above initiatives to stay safe. Recognize these folks (monthly gathering, bulletin board, enewsletter, etc).
- **WARM-UPS:** Warm-up properly before assisting children on the playground and at gym.
- **ATTESTATION:** For individual commitments.