

# LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOSSES

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# OFFICE SAFETY



- Some of the worst injuries we see occur indoors in a controlled environment.
- Slip, trip and fall accidents and their subsequent injuries are the most common and costly accidents seen amongst office workers. Common hazards of slip, trip and fall accidents include wet floors, improper footwear, boxes, garbage cans, purses, open drawers and electrical and computer cords.
- Talk to staff frequently about your expectations and their concerns for maintaining a safe workplace.
- Inspect areas for problems, report them, fix them and document these efforts

**Example 1:** Employee tripped over equipment on the floor and fell. The employee underwent hand surgery and physical therapy after conservative treatment failed. This claim is over \$103,000 with wage replacement and the likely award to settled the claim petition.

**Example 2:** Employee tripped over computer cable and fell forward. A rotator cuff injury and several fractures were suffered by the employee resulting in surgery. The total cost of this claim was over \$225,000.