

STAY SAFE WITH SOCIETY

SLIP-RESISTANT FOOTWEAR

Slips, trips, and falls account for many food service accidents. They occur because employees are not paying attention to what they are doing, because of poor walking surface conditions, or because of embedded or built-up grease on floors.

Employees who wear tennis shoes, heeled shoes, or other inappropriate shoes may increase their chances of slipping and falling. These shoes may not have wide enough treads on the sole, and the sole itself may not be made from the proper slip-resistant materials. Also, heeled shoes will reduce the amount of the sole that comes in contact with the floor, making it more likely to slip and fall. All employees should wear sturdy footwear with slip-resistant soles and no heels.

Other Footwear Features to Look For:

- Laces that can be tightened (laces should always be tied)
- Soft and easy-to-clean material with a padded ankle for support
- Shoes made of a non-porous material such as plastic
- Resistance to water and grease
- A tread that channels liquid out from under the shoe
- A label stating that the footwear is skid-resistant



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