



February 6 — Hose on the Floor

Person was walking across the floor and tripped over a hose on the floor.

I told him to pick the hose up and roll it up and put it out of the way.

A person walking across the floor tripped over a hose that had been left on the ground.

Hoses and lines blend into the background on job sites. After seeing them a hundred times, people stop noticing them. The problem is that feet don't forget physics. When a foot meets a hose unexpectedly, balance is lost instantly. What looks like a small housekeeping issue can turn into a fall, a twist, or a serious injury in a split second.

**A hose on the floor may look quite small,
But one quick step can cause a fall.
Lift it up, reroute the line,
So feet stay steady every time.**

This wasn't a freak accident it was a predictable outcome of an overlooked hazard.

Hazards

- Trips and falls resulting in sprains, fractures, or head injuries
- Loss of balance near equipment or machinery
- Secondary injuries from falling into other hazards
- Damage to hoses, fittings, or equipment
- Chain-reaction incidents involving nearby workers

Stats

- Slips, trips, and falls are among the leading causes of workplace injuries
- Poor housekeeping is a major contributor to recordable incidents
- Many trip hazards are ignored because they are seen as "temporary"
- Most trip incidents occur in familiar work areas

Words of Wisdom

- If it's on the floor, it's in the way.
- Temporary hazards cause permanent injuries.

Pause and Think

Most trip hazards aren't created by carelessness they're created by convenience. It's easier to drop a hose than reroute it. Over time, that convenience becomes normal, and people walk through the area on autopilot. The danger isn't the hose itself — it's the moment when someone doesn't see it anymore.

- What hazards have become "normal" in our work areas?
- Where do hoses and cords tend to accumulate?
- Who is responsible for clearing walking paths?