

## **TOOLBOX TALK #8**

### **BE A SAFETY LOOKOUT**

Workplace hazards are all around. But the longer they are allowed to exist, the easier it can be to overlook them.

When you're at work, take time to stop, look and see the dangers around you. According to the National Safety Council (NSC), once you train yourself to spot hazards, you'll notice them all around you. They may not always be obvious or immediate concerns, but they can still pose a risk to you and your co-workers.



Spotting small hazards can make a big difference. Here are some ways you can help keep your workplace safe:

1. Avoid distracted walking.
2. Use extra caution in high traffic areas, around corners and near doorways.
3. Store heavy objects close to the floor and away from walkways.
4. Check work areas foot paths and walkways for exposed cords and hoses.
5. Stack materials in a way that they don't fall.
6. Guard against spills by covering containers when not in use.
7. Remove or cover and protect protruding objects.
8. Replace burnt out lighting.