

## SAFETY TRAPS

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As already discussed slips, trips and falls (STF) are the leading workplace accident cause worldwide. Falling is very easy for the human being as it stands on two legs but when walking it stands on only one for 40% of the gait cycle.

In the following there are examples of STFs that may cause serious accidents since they consist hidden traps.





- Uniform construction that causes the Gestalt effect to the brain (it cannot distinguish the level differences, hence demarcation is required via colored marking tapes) outside a restaurant (high circulation)
- Industrial loading dock area; the intentions were good by installing a protective barrier, however the loading gate was left open after truck loading was completed; behavior can overrun any good intention/ specification
- Good practice for demarcating protruding fencing support in an airport (ultra-high circulation)
- Built-in floor sockets should be maintained, otherwise they present a serious tripping hazard
- Poorly maintained or open pits also present a serious injury tripping hazard