



# Preventing Slips and Falls on Pool Decks

Slip, trip and fall hazards are common in all locations—but pools and pool decks present additional challenges. The following checklist is designed to help you and your teams identify and mitigate common slip, trip and fall hazards in aquatic facilities.

## Walkways

- Walkways are clear of items (ex. dive rings, pool balls, kick boards, etc.)
- Pool items (ex. lifejackets, lane lines, etc.) are properly stored in their designated location
- Pool user's belongings are properly stored in their designated location
- Chairs are adequately spaced allowing for free flowing traffic
- The pool deck, and all walkways are bright, well lit and free of shadows

## Pool & Surrounding Area Maintenance

- Drain covers are secure and not missing
- Stairs have slip treads that are in good shape and not missing
- Tiles and other surfaces are intact with no broken or missing pieces
- Surfaces are flat and do not have any raised areas
- Brightly colored floor markings or signage are present where there are uneven surfaces, elevation changes or known hazards that can't be removed
- Steps and ladders are fixed securely with no loose or broken pieces
- Bleachers are clean and clear of debris and hazards

## Wet & Slippery Surfaces

- The pool deck is clear of collected and puddled water, and is regularly monitored and cleaned as needed
- Areas on the pool deck where water collects regularly are clearly marked
- Mats or hand rails are placed where appropriate
- Mats are well-maintained and are flat, not cracked or uneven
- If outdoors, all walkways are free from spilled sunscreen or tanning oils

## Patrons & Lifeguards

- Children are walking, not running on the pool deck
- If lifeguards are wearing footwear on the pool deck, it is non-slip and appropriate for the job
- Lifeguards and other staff walking on the pool deck are free from distractions and aware of their surroundings when walking