

Preventing Falls in Commercial Buildings

Falls can easily occur in public places such as hospitals, airports, hotels, etc. if proper precautions are not taken. Below are a few examples of problems and solutions related to fall prevention.



Problem

Handrails are not always readily accessible or easily seen by older adults.

Solution

Professionals involved in the construction and maintenance of buildings should choose handrails with an ergonomic grip that visually contrast against the wall and are located throughout public areas.



Problem

Non-permanent entrance mats can shift and bunch, causing tripping hazards. They may also become saturated with water and debris, resulting in less traction.

Solution

Professionals involved in the construction and maintenance of buildings can choose a permanent entrance flooring solution that will remain stable and can be easily cleaned and dried.



Problem

An expansion joint cover that is improperly installed or damaged can become a tripping hazard as it could raise above the floor surface.

Solution

Professionals involved in the construction and maintenance of buildings can ensure all expansion joint covers are properly installed or promptly replaced.

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