

Facility Safety

## Why Is Industrial And Commercial Matting So Important?

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Falls are the primary cause of emergency room visits in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

### Causes of slips, trips and falls vary:

- Walkway spill and surface containment
- Snow, ice, or inclement weather
- Use of inappropriate footwear
- Walkway surfaces in disrepair
- Slippery floors
- Lack of matting

According to the National Safety Council, the cost of a slip, trip or fall related to accidents ranges between **\$16,000 and \$28,000**. These injuries not only increase operational costs, but also contribute to indirect costs such as higher insurance rates, reassignment of personnel and loss of productivity.

Slips and falls are the third largest cause of workplace injuries. Within North America, slips and falls lead to approximately 104 million lost workdays each year and, in turn, end up costing approximately \$36 billion each year.



An easy and cost-effective way to reduce workplace accidents is to install the appropriate matting system.

**Here are just some of the places where anti-fatigue mats are used:**

- Industrial work stations
- Service counters
- Cashier stands
- Assembly lines
- Hospital and laboratories
- Distribution and packing work cells

Standing on hard surfaces for long periods of time produces detrimental effects on the body.

PRO-SAFE® anti-fatigue mats are designed to reduce stress on joints and minimize back, leg, and foot fatigue. A well-designed anti-fatigue mat program improves workers' energy and productivity. Other benefits are improved morale and a healthier workforce.



Seventy percent of all dust, dirt and floor-damaging soil found in commercial buildings is tracked inside from people's shoes.

PRO-SAFE® provides the best possible dust and dirt protection. By capturing fine dirt, dust and moisture, PRO-SAFE® high-performance entrance mats save thousands of dollars on floor maintenance while protecting floors from premature wear and aging.

When planning a mat program, high traffic areas should be identified and consideration given to environmental exposure. Strategic placement of mats is essential for maximum effectiveness.

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*To learn more about the available options to help you choose the right mat program for your facility, click here for a downloadable PDF of PRO-SAFE's matting solutions catalog.*

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