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Sleigh bells ring are you listening… It’s the holiday season and like it or not we are entering one of the busiest times of the year. Is your church prepared for the
holiday season? Holiday programs often involve the building of backdrops, stage sets, special costumes or just decorating the church. This is an important time of the year to be sure the best safety practices are followed so your congregation can celebrate the season without injury or a tragic accident. As a church safety officer you can learn special safety practices by joining us for our Church Holiday Safety webinar on November 23nd.

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A recent article called Slips, Trips, and Falls, highlighted the causes of slips, trips, and falls. This second article provides you with preventive measures that are designed to manage or minimize potential liabilities.

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1. Housekeeping

   - Establish written procedures.
   - Keep all work environment, passageways, storerooms, and service rooms clean, sanitary, and orderly.
   - Keep workroom floors clean and dry. Where wet processes are used in areas such as kitchen, provide drainage, false floors, platforms, mats, etc.
   - Keep floors, working areas, and passageways free of protruding nails, splinters, holes, loose boards, or tiles.
   - Periodically inspect the walking areas to check for foreign objects, water, loose gravel, and other items that may create falling hazards. Maintain records of your inspection activities, including the area inspected, conditions observed, who conducted the inspection, and the time.
   - Practice sound recordkeeping by maintaining a cleaning log, including products used, surfaces cleaned, when and by whom tasks are performed, and cleaning procedures.

2. Employee Training

   - Train employees about established safety procedures, cleaning operations, and inspection procedures.
   - Provide employees with appropriate product usage training, especially involving hazardous cleaning products.
   - Post written slip and fall prevention and accident handling policies in conspicuous places.
   - Keep records of all employee training, including individuals trained, subject matter covered, training materials, and date of training.
   - Consider a reward system for employees who promote positive safety procedures.

3. Hazard Identification

   - Once hazards are identified (i.e. a spill on the floor), post caution signs or barriers preventing access to the spill.
• Post caution signs while mopping.

• Periodically inspect entryways and mop up tracked in rain, snow, and debris.

• Eliminate chronic hazards by implementing design changes and conducting frequent equipment inspection and servicing.

• Barricade doors of single entrance rooms when wet mopping.

When followed, these safety practices can help minimize slip, trip, and fall accidents at your church and school. Adventist Risk Management appreciates your interest in safety. For more information visit

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