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LOSS CONTROL BULLETIN

Greenhouse Slip & Fall Prevention

Fact: In the United States, slip and falls are the second leading cause of injuries.

Whether you own a small greenhouse open only in the spring and summer months, or a large commercial operation that is open year round, greenhouses are enjoyed and utilized by many people. However, with the benefit that a greenhouse provides come responsibilities to keep your employees and customers safe from slips and falls.

Hazards & Prevention

General cleaning and housekeeping practices can have a major impact on the overall safety of your business.

- Keep both the exterior and interior of the premises free from debris and trash.
- When not being used, make sure all equipment and supplies are properly stowed away; these items can include ladders, hoses, pots and other supplies.
- Never leave hoses unattended when unrolled. This often constitutes a major tripping hazard. If at all possible, avoid running hoses across aisles or pathways where customers will be walking.
- Use water-absorbent mats and rugs to help avoid slippery ground.
- Provide good lighting in high-traffic areas.
- Edges of steps should be painted yellow.
- Correct any trip hazards in flooring, including cracks, holes or other uneven surfaces.
- Keep walkways free from obstructions.
- Walkways should be a safe width.
- Hand rails should be present at both wheelchair and pedestrian heights.
- Post warning signs regarding potential slip and fall hazards.

Ladders are another item that can pose a danger. When using a ladder, make sure it is properly set up and on level ground. Do not overestimate the reach of the ladder; never try to reach something that is too high when you are on the ladder. This is a major fall hazard and can cause serious injury. Never allow a customer to use or climb a ladder.

Make regular walk-through inspections to look for slip, trip and fall hazards or other potential exposures. Be proactive, look for hazards and correct them before they become a problem. Both your customers and your employees will certainly appreciate your efforts and concern for their safety and well-being.

Help in Your Time of Need

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