



Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd

SAFETY ALERT

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SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

Recently, one of our Workers sustained an upper back strain when they slipped and fell. Fortunately, the injury was not serious.

The Worker was using a small set of steps on the verandah of his Provisioning Centre Office. The weather conditions were overcast and wet. The steps were wet as was the footwear of the Worker.

The investigation into this incident revealed that the steps were showing signs of wear and tear. The wet conditions coupled with the general wear and tear of the steps, presented a hazardous situation.

Wet weather increases the chances of someone slipping/falling when using steps/ladders – especially if the steps/rungs are showing signs of wear

Action has been taken to fit an anti-slip material to the leading edge of each step (see photo).

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- Discuss with employees under your control the contents of this Safety Alert
- Check all steps – both on buildings and work trucks, for any signs of general wear and tear. Worn steps need to be repaired/replaced or have an anti-slip material fitted.
- Ensure a “sign-off” (for example, a Team Safety Meeting record) is obtained to verify that employees have been briefed on this Safety Alert

