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Be safe and healthy on the job at with these helpful tips provided by Bankers Insurance, LLC.

## Restaurant Safety Hazards

*Preventing slips and trips in restaurants*

Restaurant floors in the kitchen and dining room pose slip, trip and fall hazards for both employees and patrons. While these hazards are significant, many can be prevented by adhering to these safety tips.

### In the Kitchen

- Wear non-slip, waterproof footwear.
  - Lace your shoes tightly.
  - Never wear open-toed shoes or leather-soled shoes.
- If you spill while preparing food, clean it up immediately.
  - Use cones or signs to warn fellow employees until spills are dry.
- Remove clutter from kitchen workstations to avoid obstructing walkways.
- Place all utensils, ingredients and other supplies back in their proper location after you're done using them.
- Never run in the kitchen.
- Avoid storing cooking oil on the floor as it may spill or someone may fall onto it.
- In areas that are typically slippery such as near the sink, stand on the provided non-slip

floor mats. Areas around these non-slip mats may be slippery as well.

- Notify your supervisor if you notice any uneven floor surfaces or drain covers that have come loose.

### In the Dining Room

- Remove clutter from walkways on the floor.
- Straighten out rugs and mats, and make sure they are always in place.
- Clean up spills immediately, and place signs and cones to warn both patrons and other employees of the hazard.
- Place mats so that patrons do not slip while floors are still wet.
- While bussing tables, never carry more than you can handle. You should be able to see over what you are carrying in order to properly navigate to your destination.
- Make several trips for large loads.
  - Watch where you are walking while carrying loads of dishes back into the kitchen.



### Speak Up About Safety!

If you notice potential safety hazards, tell a supervisor or manager. Don't wait until you, another employee or a patron gets hurt before speaking up! Help make the restaurant a safer place to work and dine.

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