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## Prevention through Testing

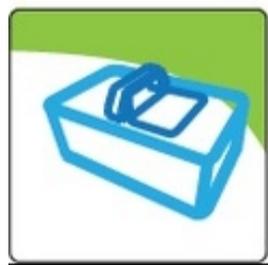
Falls are preventable and aging, itself, does not cause falls. Flooring materials and floor surfaces contribute directly to more than 2 million fall injuries each year. With today's technology safe floors are possible, but effective testing, maintenance and monitoring is a must to reduce these startling slip and fall statistics. Qualified auditors from Safe Space Ingenuity can provide in-field Coefficient of Friction (COF) testing on all hard surfaced flooring. COF testing is the measurement of the available friction on a floor's surface, which is directly related to the potential for a slip and fall accident

## Slip and Fall Fatalities

According to the U.S. Department of Labour's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), slips, trips and falls account for 15 percent of all accidental deaths. In North America, slip and fall accidents are responsible for over 20,000 fatalities per year, which averages to approximately 55 persons per day. It is the second leading cause of death and disability, behind automobile accidents.

Falls also are the leading cause of injury-related deaths for adults ages 65 and older, according to Injury Facts 2015, the statistical report on unintentional injuries created by the National Safety Council. This is not surprising considering one in three serious bone breaks for seniors result in death within one year of the accident. In 2013, about 29,500 people died from falls, and the vast majority of them were over age 65.

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