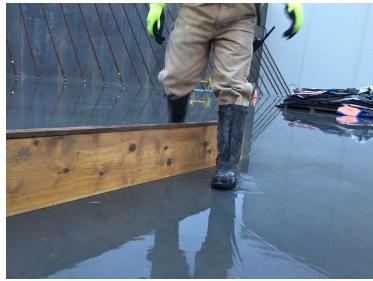


# Safety Flash

# Incident with recordable injury

Incident: An associate was spraying bond breaker on concrete forms for tilt-up panels. The forms contained no rebar or embeds. The associate finished spraying one area and stepped over the 11½-inch-high form while carrying the spray wand from the barrel sprayer. As he stepped onto the next panel, he slipped on a wet spot, lost his balance and fell, striking his shoulder on the form.



### **Possible Contributing Factors:**

- The concrete used as the face form for the panels was "burned" to provide a smooth finish, with a shiny appearance that made it hard to tell that the bond breaker applied earlier was not completely dry.
- The associate was holding the spray wand in both hands, lost his balance and could not catch himself as he stepped onto the wet area.
- Bond breaker from previous panels was on the bottom of his shoes.
- The associate thought the previously applied bond breaker was dry and did not expect the surface to be slippery.

### **Primary contributing factors:**

The concrete used as the face form for the panels was "burned" to provide a smooth finish, with a shiny appearance that made it hard to tell that the bond breaker applied earlier was not completely dry.

#### Possible solutions:

- Be aware of slip hazards created by bond breakers and floor finishes.
- Discuss how to walk on slippery surfaces (snow, ice, rain and chemicals).
- Sequence work to avoid stepping on wet surfaces.

### **Action plan:**

- Jobsite pre-task plans will review slip hazards as well as how to walk on slippery surfaces due to chemicals and weather.
- A toolbox talk on walking safely on slippery surfaces is being distributed at the weekly safety meeting.

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