

3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes & Treads

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What are 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads?

These pressure-sensitive, adhesive-backed products are coated with minerals and non-mineral material to provide traction when applied to slippery surfaces.

## 2. Where can they be used?

They are suitable for industrial and residential applications with dry, wet or oily conditions, including emergency exits, stairs and around pools. They are commonly used in OEM, graphics, commercial and industrial spaces.

## 3. How long will the 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads last?

3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads adhere to clean, dry surfaces without wrinkling, curling, tearing, shrinking or lifting and offer proven durability for long life.

## 4. Is it difficult to install 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads?

No, the products feature a pressure-sensitive adhesive backing, making it easy to apply the tapes and treads without the use of anchoring. For best results, ensure you use 3M™ Primer 94, 3M™ Edge Sealing Compound and a hand roller tool.

## 5. How safe are 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads?

3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads Series 200, 300, 500 and 600 have been certified by the National Floor Safety Institute (NFSI) as providing “high traction.”

## 6. What products are available?

3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads are available in a variety of sizes, colours and textures ranging from fine resilient, medium resilient and general purpose to coarse and conformable material types.

**200 Series**  
Fine Resilient



**300 Series**  
Medium Resilient



**500 Series**  
General Purpose



**600 Series**  
Conformable



**700 Series**  
Heavy Duty



## 7. Can people walk on 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads with bare feet?

The **200 Series** is suitable for applications where people would walk on the 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads with bare feet. These products have a fine-textured, slip-resistant surface for enhanced safety and comfort in light- and barefoot-traffic areas. The **300 Series** may also be appropriate (such as on a boat) but it is slightly more coarse.

## 8. What are the most commonly used 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads?

The general purpose **600 Series** products are sought after in industrial applications like entrances, ramps and ladders. They are highly durable as they withstand the rigors of equipment traffic, making them ideal for light-to-heavy shoe-traffic areas.

In 2017, we added two new products to this line that bring more visibility to the slip and fall hazard to help lower the risk of incidents.



## 9. How much surface preparation is needed?

Make sure the surface is clean, dry, smooth and above minimum application temperature, which is typically above 4°C (40°F), when applying 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Material. Repair or replace any broken or damaged surfaces before applying it.

## 10. Where can I find more information on 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads?

As of fall 2017, all of the ordering information is outlined in the 3M™ Safety-Walk™ Slip-Resistant Tapes and Treads Application PowerPoint deck supplied by 3M to its partners. Please refer to slides 39–46 for details.

Product details, including videos and technical bulletins, are available at [3M.com/SafetyWalk](http://3M.com/SafetyWalk).



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