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cooler; wear loose-fitting clothing; and drink plenty of water (and avoid alcohol) to help prevent heat exhaustion.

Slips, Trips & Falls: Slips, trips, and falls represent a major cause of accidental death and injury, in both the home and work environment. To prevent slips, avoid walking in areas which pose slipping hazards if at all possible. Always promptly clean up spills of slippery substances.

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