

SONOCO *Near Miss!*



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Activity: Slipping in a Freezer

What Happened:

A galleyhand walked into a freezer during lunch to grab a bag of fries for the Steward. This freezer was located outside of the main building on a skid adjacent to the building and on the deck. When the hand entered the freezer, he slipped on a thin coating of frost that had formed on the deck of the freezer. This was the result of traffic into the freezer earlier in the day and was a common occurrence. He had simply forgotten in the rush to get more fries during a busy lunch period. Luckily, he was able to grab onto a vertical support post and stabilize his footing.

Why it Happened:

- An ongoing, unreported problem with condensation due to the unit's location
- The employee was in a hurry
- The employee lacked awareness at that moment

Typical Hazards:

- Slipping and / or falling
- Loss of balance

Corrective Actions:

Because it was impossible to move the freezer unit and it held substantially all of the freezer goods, there were two actions taken:

1. Another reach-in freezer was added to the inside of the galley to increase capacity for daily needs. This reduced the needs for hurried trips to the outside freezer
2. Non-skid, removable mats were placed in the freezer from the entry to cover all areas of the floor.

