

ARE WE TALKING THE SAME LANGUAGE?

FALL

Loss of upright position that results in landing on the floor, ground or an object or furniture or a sudden, uncontrolled, unintentional, non-purposeful, downward displacement of the body to the floor/ground or hitting another object like a chair or stair.

SLIP

Loss of balance as a result of slippery surface that does not result in a fall.

STUMBLE

Loss of balance due to knees giving way or other reasons but does not result in a fall.

TRIP

Loss of balance due to a specific obstacle that does not result in a fall.

FALL RESPONSE TEAM

Fall Response Teams are comprised of interdisciplinary team members that are activated following a fall to evaluate circumstances surrounding a fall with the goal of reducing risk factors and preventing a repeat fall. This team examines the environment, equipment, fall program elements, and resources including staffing, surveillance, communications, and knowledge of risk factors that may have contributed to the event. The Team makes immediate recommendations to reduce fall risks for an individual patient.

LEVEL OF INJURY

0 = None

1 = Minor Injury (abrasion, bruise, minor laceration)

2 = Major Injury (hip fracture, head trauma, arm fracture)

3 = Death