

STF Time Lost



[Slips, trips and falls](#) on the same level (STF) are serious and account for about a fifth of all accidents notified to the Authority. 25% of these [slips, trips and falls](#) lead to an absence of over one month from work.

This tool is designed to help employers identify areas where [slips, trips and falls](#) have happened and are more likely to happen. The document should be used in conjunction with advice at www.hsa.ie/slips. This version - Revision 1 (rev1) - was produced in May 2014 mainly to add the consideration of [high-risk areas](#) as Step 2.

There are four simple steps to slips, trips and falls mapping

Step 1 Draw a map

Draw a map of your workplace. This could be a sketch map. There's no need to have a professional draw this for you. The map/plan need not be entirely accurate or exactly to scale.

Step 2 Mark high-risk areas

Mark all potential [high-risk areas](#) which may include [Transition Areas \(including entrances\)](#), [Level Changes](#), [Sources of Liquid](#), [Cables and Hoses](#), [Damaged Pedestrian Surfaces](#), [Mats, Rugs](#), and [Slippery Surfaces](#). There may also be circumstances that create workplace-specific high risk areas such as wet-work areas. Mark [high-risk areas](#) on the sketch map.

Step 3 Mark incidents

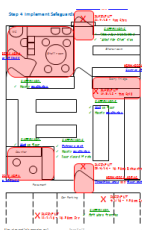
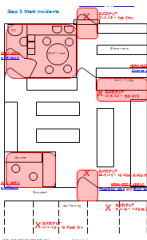
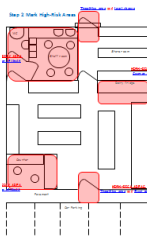
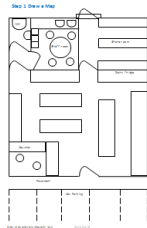
Mark locations of slip, trip and fall incidents. It's a good idea to mark these items so that they stand out. The accident book and accident records should help with this. It may be helpful to include the incident dates, times and cause(s). Near misses should also be shown. Consult employees and other people working in the same workplace, e.g. cleaners, to assist in identifying these areas. You can use photographs with the mapping tool if you want to. Digital cameras could be used to photograph and record slips and trips problems in the workplace.

Step 4 Implement safeguards

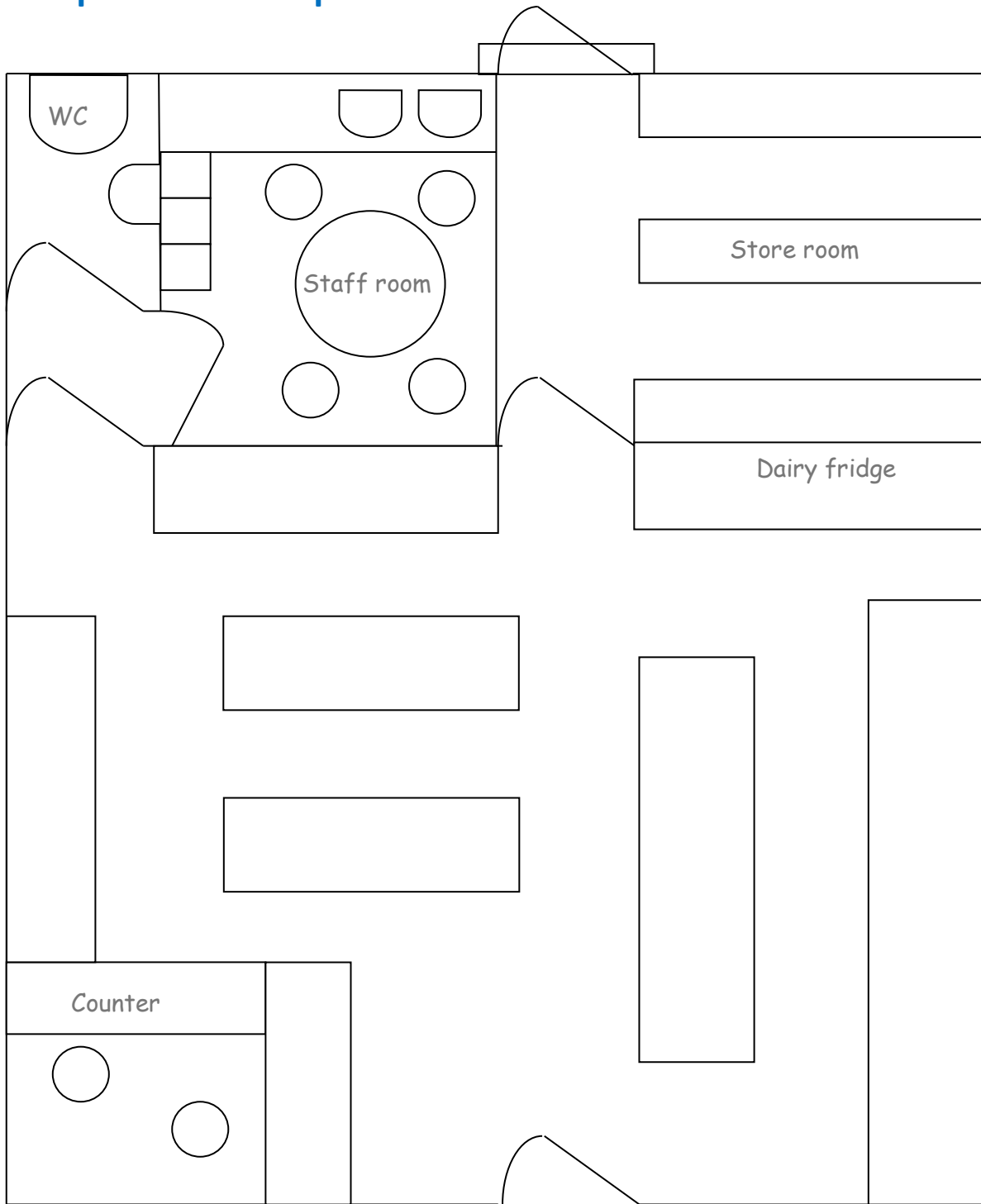
www.hsa.ie/slips provides guidance on safeguards that can be put in place. Consult employees and other people working in the same workplace. While this tool is based on mapping and locations, it can also be used to consider safeguards based on activities at locations, e.g. [routine floor cleaning](#).

Further Information and Advice

www.hsa.ie/slips



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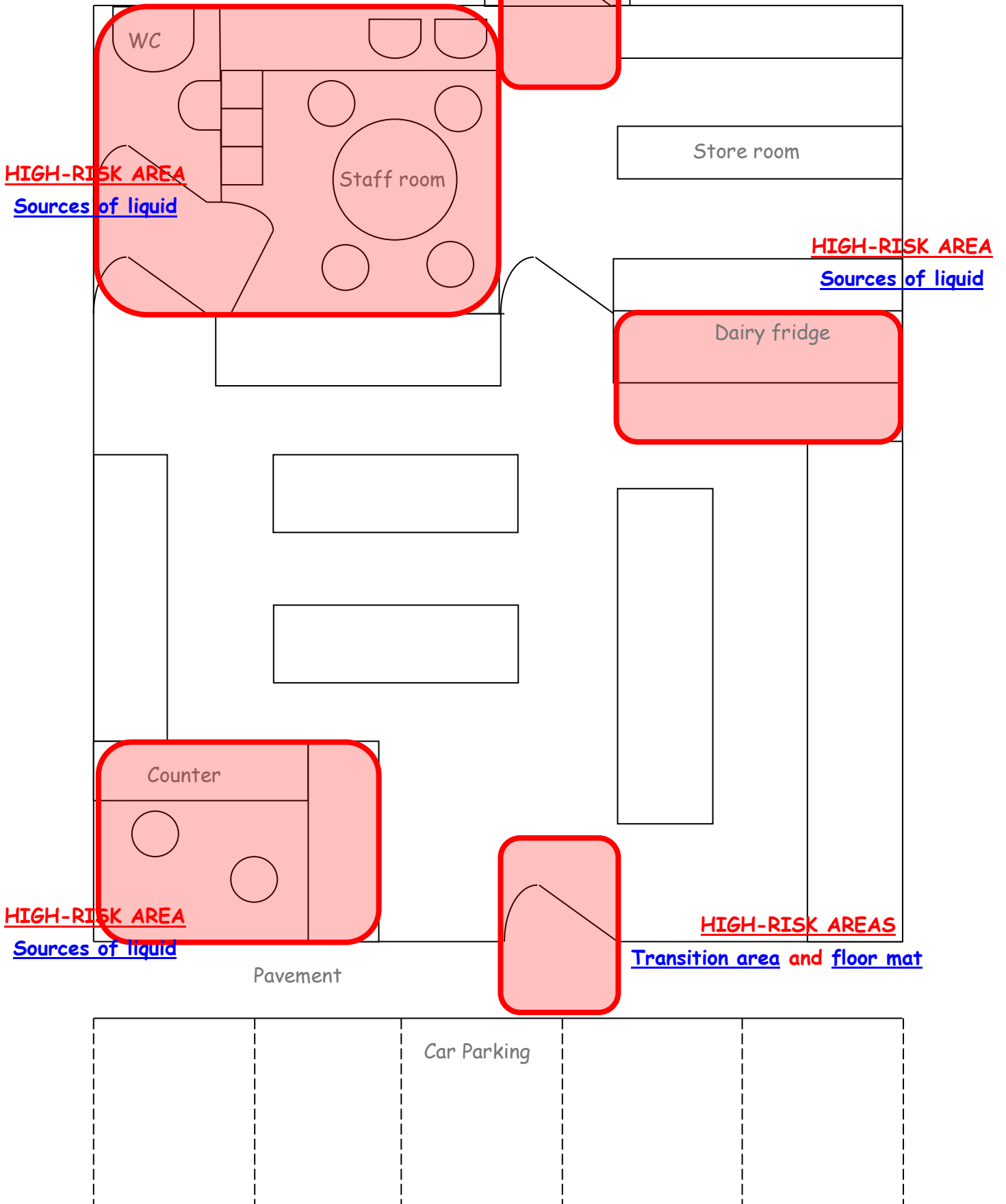
Pavement

Car Parking

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Transition area and level change

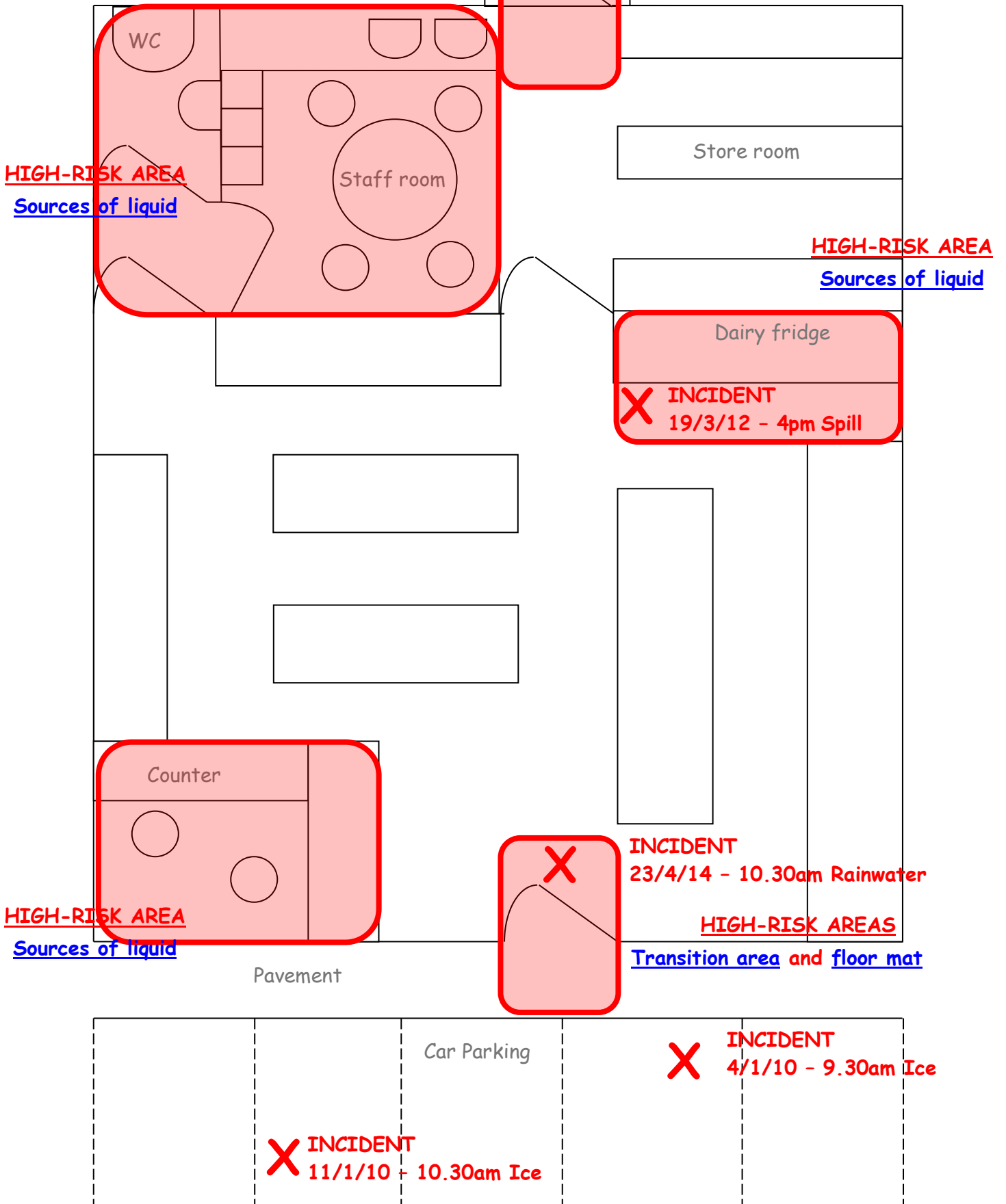
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