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APPLYING ANTI-SLIP STRIPS TO YOUR FLOORING, SHOWER, OR TUB

Preparation. For best corner adhesion, cut strips with rounded corners. (For a consistent cut, you can use a corner punch such as the Marvy Rounded Corner Punch, available for about \$8 on line or in craft stores.) When applying to tile, cut strips with scissors so that they won't cross grout joints, which would allow water to get under the strips. If the surface is porous (e.g. some woods, concretes, or natural stones), apply a sealer or primer that's suitable for your flooring type (stone, wood, etc.) to fill the pores first. Either water-based or toluene-based sealers or primers are suitable, but water-based is preferable.

To minimize slipping distance in gaps between tapes, tape should be perpendicular to the direction of travel. A heel slip of three inches or more is more than 50 percent likely to result in a fall. The closer the anti-slip strips are to each other, the lower is the probability of a fall.

Application. When applying, make sure the application area is clean and dry. Clean using a degreaser that will not leave a residue. We recommend isopropyl alcohol, which is a first aid antiseptic readily available in most drugstores (about \$2.00 for 16 ounces). Apply it with a soft brush such as a clean paintbrush or with terry cloth, agitate with the brush or cloth, and let stand for a minute before rubbing off. Then give the surface a few minutes to air-dry completely.

To apply tape, peel back part of the backing about 2 inches, and then press the adhesive firmly (without stretching it) onto the prepared surface. (On stairs apply 1/2 to 1 inch from the nose to prevent edge curling.) Try to avoid touching the adhesive backing with fingers to prevent contamination. Slowly keep peeling back the liner while applying the tape. Once applied, press tape down firmly using even pressure (decorating rollers are excellent for this). For very wide tapes, application may require two people (one on each side) to prevent trapping air bubbles under the tape.

Edge Fix. For our Safety-Grip abrasive strips, if they are in a location that frequently gets wet, we recommend sealing the edges with Edge Fix, available from SafetyDirectAmerica.com. Use only a small amount (a thin bead) along each edge. One tube of Edge Fix can seal the edges of a 60-foot roll of tape. Edge Fix is not needed for our Aqua-Safe embossed-surface (non-abrasive) tapes.

Properly applied so that water can't get under them, your SDA anti-slip strips can give years of service. You can walk on them as soon as they're applied, but the maximum cure of the adhesive occurs in 48 hours.

Disclaimer. Quoted slip resistance data on our web site are average values. It is up to the user to satisfy himself or herself that our products are suitable for the user's situation. The seller cannot accept any liability for the use to which products are put, or the way in which they are used. Any recommendations from the seller are made in good faith but cannot override the obligation of the user to satisfy himself at all times as to the varying environmental conditions, standards of application and maintenance procedures that alter the properties of our materials or other materials with which they are expected to perform.



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- Reliable, Certified Floor Slip Resistance Testing, lab and field
 - Pendulum Slip Resistance Testing (backed by 50 years of research into slip and fall accidents)
 - ANSI A137.1/ANSI A326.3 DCOF Testing
 - ANSI B101.3 (wet)/ANSI B101.1 (dry) Testing
 - Test before installation so you don't install a problem
 - Periodic on-site monitoring to provide proof of due diligence
- Anti-Slip Tapes for every situation – abrasive and non-abrasive
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- Anti-Slip Floor Treatments
- Slippery Bath and Shower Solutions
- Floor Slip Resistance Test devices and instruments for sale
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