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Study: Restrooms Highly Susceptible to Slip & Fall Injuries

September 1, 2011 — A recent study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found restrooms and bathrooms to be among the most dangerous places in a home or facility when it comes to slips, falls, and injuries, according to a Crown Mats and Matting press release.

The CDC report indicated that more than 235,000 people over the age of 15 visit an emergency room each year because of injuries suffered in a restroom or bathroom. Of these, approximately 14 percent require hospitalization.

Some of the findings of the study include:

- Restroom/bathroom injuries increase with age, especially after the age of 65
- Injuries in tub and shower areas are most common among those aged 15 to 24
- More women than men are injured in restroom/bathroom areas; in some cases the rate is as much as 72 percent higher
- The activity that most often leads to an injury is bathing, followed by slipping on a floor
- The areas of the body most often impacted by a restroom/bathroom injury are the head (31 percent), lower torso (20 percent), upper torso (18 percent), legs and feet (17 percent), and arms and hands (13 percent).



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