

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2003 PROJECT SUMMARY

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**Project Number** 

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## **Project Title**

# Slip and Fall: Determining the Most Effective Non-Slip Surface

#### Abstract

## **Objectives/Goals**

My objective was to learn which substance would best prevent the shoe from falling off the tile.

#### Methods/Materials

I used a shoe,tile,(5 tiles w/all different substance surfaces)41/2 ft. wire, bucket, sand, a flat surface, clips, and candle wax as a friction reducer. What I did was put the shoe on the tile and hooked the wire to the hook on the shoe. I added sand to the bucket until the shoe fell off the tile and recorded the amount of weight.

## Results

I found that tile mixed with pummice best prevents people from slipping. It took about 12.6 pounds of sand for the shoe to fall of the tile.

## **Conclusions/Discussion**

My hypothesis was correct. It stated that pummice would best prevent the shoe from falling and it did. This project gave my knowledge of what I can do to prevent people from slipping on any surface.

## **Summary Statement**

My project is to determine which surface would best prevent people from slipping.

### Help Received

Mom and Dad helped paste and type some of my papers.