

To all UKSRG members

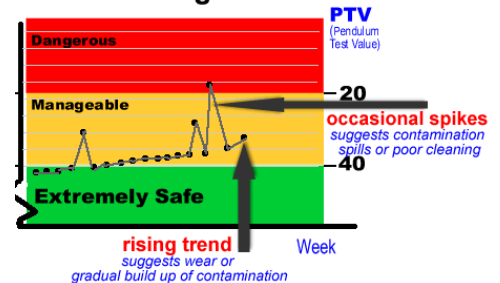
Thank you very much for agreeing to allow me to join this important group as an associate member. As a new member, I have three significant issues I would like to raise with the group.

1) UKSRG to promote regular slip testing and trend monitoring

The HSE and others agree that slip resistance changes because of contamination, cleaning, polishing, coating etc. Regular slip testing costs very little. It measures the effectiveness of flooring materials, coatings and cleaning regimes. It saves money by avoiding costly mistakes, and makes buildings safer for able and disabled users.

I propose that the UKSRG set up a working group to fully understand and promote the benefits of regular slip testing in all businesses.

Floors Change...



2) UKSRG to challenge the HSE overstating the value of Rz testing.

Pendulum Test Values provide a far better measure of slip resistance and are proven to reflect real slip experience. The new HSE STEP website states:

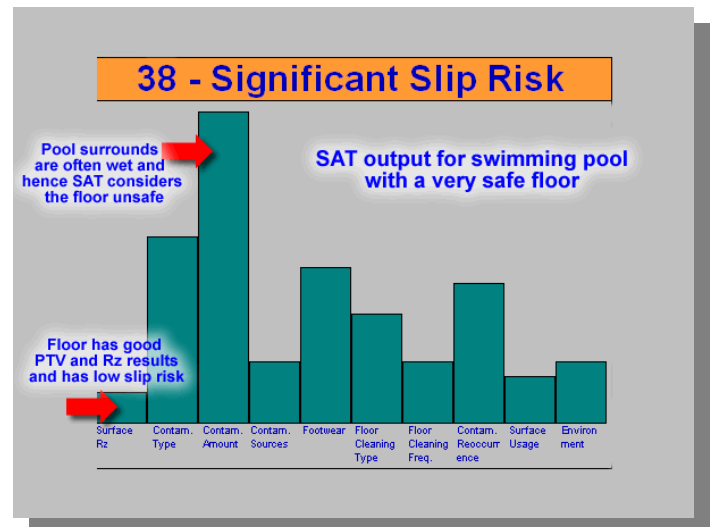
"Surface microroughness data can provide an indication of the slip resistance of a floor when contaminated; regularly collecting this data is a good way of monitoring changes in the flooring surface."

I have assurances from our Chairman Steve Thorpe, also of the HSL, that Rz cannot measure contamination and is therefore of no practical use for regular testing.

The UKSRG should use its influence to encourage HSE and others to promote best practice and to check their facts with UKSRG.

3) Challenge the HSE promotion of SAT exclusively with Rz measures

It has been shown that SAT will work better with Pendulum Test Values. There would be little need to modify SAT except to communicate to SAT users how PTV results can be used. With its current emphasis on Rz measure it offers little value and can give very misleading results. For example if SAT is used in the context of a swimming pool it will always indicate significant slip risk even if the floors have high slip resistance and are kept clean. (see diagram).



And finally...

Finally, I would like to offer all UKSRG members the opportunity to try regular testing with Pendulum, with SlipAlert and with Rz measures. We will offer 12 weeks free use of a SlipAlert test machine to UKSRG members wishing to try regular testing and trend analysis with SlipAlert. If UKSRG members try all three methods we believe that both the Pendulum and SlipAlert testing will be found to supply valuable management information that reduces slip accidents.