

New Mexico Environment Department Presents:

Food Safety



How often do you slip in your kitchen? Sometimes while working in your kitchen, you may have felt that uncontrollable urge to end up on your rump. Was this a planned action? Probably not, your experiments with gravity at an early age let you know that the further you drop, the worse you are going to feel.

How do you stop from having your feet fly out from under you in a kitchen with a greasy/wet floor? While you may want a rug/carpet, the New Mexico Food Service and Food Processing Regulations, Section 7.6.2.10.C.3, p25, states, "Carpeting may be used on the floors of dining areas only..."

Since carpeting is out what alternatives are available? One option, that works well, is the rubber mat. Rubber mats come in a number of shapes and sizes that are beneficial. Depending on the type, a mat could be used in a food preparation area while another type could be used in a dishwashing area.



This alternative to having a bare floor meets other requirements of being easily cleaned and nonabsorbent.