

## Trips, Slips and Falls

Read through the information on the fact sheet **Trips, Slips and Falls**. Write your own poem or create a short play about a trip, slip or fall. What caused it? What were the consequences?

**For example, it could be about:**

- an elderly grandparent who tripped because his or her grandchildren were careless and didn't put away their toys
- someone standing on tiptoe on a chair to reach a high shelf, and losing their balance
- a workman not keeping his ladder sturdy when working on the roof
- children running carelessly and tripping over an electrical cable
- something that has happened in your home.

### Tips for poems

- Your poem can be in any style (e.g. rhyming couplets, rap, limerick, free verse).
- Use as many describing words as possible (adjectives, adverbs or even metaphors and imagery) to make it exciting.

### Tips for short plays

- Give the scene a clear beginning, middle and end.
- Build different characters.
- Think about how you can make the scene dramatic.
- How can you make the message clear to the audience?

### Performing the play...

- Think about who will play each of the characters.
- Make sure everyone in your group has the chance to participate.
- Ask the actors to make the roles and performances lively and interesting.
- You might choose to act out the scenes as you are, or you might use costumes, props, sound effects and lighting.