# TAKE A WALK FOR SAFETY



Every Kaiser Permanente worker, manager and physician—and every patient—has the right to a safe and healthy place to give and get care. A safety walkaround gives you a chance to identify potential hazards and build a culture of health and safety. Use this simple tool to plan a safety stroll today!

#### **IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3:**

- 1. Walk through your department and engage your co-workers in a conversation about safety. Ask them, "Where is the next injury or incident likely to happen in our department?"
- 2. Jot down their answers, using the space below.
- **3.** Evaluate the responses and choose one issue to discuss with your unit-based team co-leads. It could become your next UBT project!

## For best results:



**Communicate.** Let people know you are rounding for safety—engaging employees in a conversation to get information or feedback. Explain what you are doing and why.



Share your findings with your department or facility's safety team co-leads. Let them know what your team is doing to correct any hazards found.



**Take a second look.** Use your safety walkaround to view your department through fresh eyes. Listen to what employees are saying. Observe them as they go about their work.



Close the loop. Follow up at a UBT or staff meeting on any corrective measures taken. Let people know if further action is required. And be sure to get back to the employee who first identified the hazard.

## NOTES:



#### **TOOLS YOU CAN USE**

Check out the "Make the Workplace Safer" How-to Guide on LMPartnership.org. It includes practical tips for finding and fixing safety hazards, and checklists for doing safety walks in 11 different departments. Access the full toolkit here: **LMPartnership.org/wps-guide**