

FOOT LOOSE AND FANCY FREE



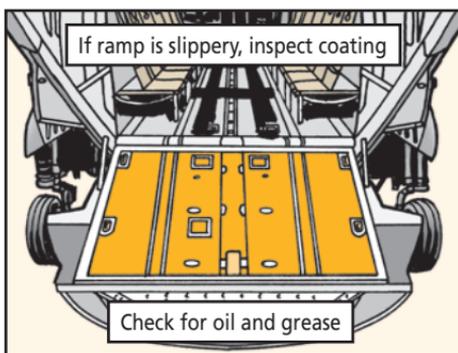
Losing your footing on the Chinook's ramp area happens for two reasons.

One reason is that boots going up and down the ramp wear off the non-skid coating. That exposes the bare flooring and makes the ramp's walkway slippery and dangerous.

The second reason is an accumulation of transmission oil and/or hydraulic fluid during maintenance or from leakage from the many lubrication lines and hydraulic components in the ramp area. That can lead to slips and falls.

So pay attention mechanics and crew members and be careful when walking on the ramp. If you notice shiny areas through the non-skid coating, maybe it's time to resurface. If the non-skid coating is OK, and you notice a oily area, use some elbow grease and clean it up.

Whether it's worn out non-skid coating or oily build-up, **don't wait!** Fix the problem unless you like dealing with broken bones.



Walking on areas of your bird that have slippery walkways puts you in harm's way. So take the time and let your fingers do the walking through the TM pages on caring for your aircraft walkways.

Check out paragraph 6-12 of TM 55-1500-345-12 for the details.