

Biden stumbles AGAIN while climbing up stairs to speak in Philadelphia

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- **The president stopped himself from falling at the start of a public speech**
- **He was climbing three metal stairs to ascend a podium**
- **The president, 80, is contending with concerns about age while tending to crisis**

President [Joe Biden](#) stumbled once again while ascending a short flight of stairs at an event in Philadelphia on Friday.

The president appeared to lose his balance while surmounting a trio of metal steps with a railing just as he was walking to get on stage.

He quickly caught his balance and made it up the stairs to begin his speech.

The event, about 'Bidenomics' and investing in the U.S., was to tout \$7 billion in investment in new hydrogen production hubs.

Biden, 80, has suffered a series of recent stumbles, including while de-boarding Air Force One, and fell to the ground after tripping on a sand bag at a Coast Guard Academy graduation this spring.

Biden stumbles again while climbing up stairs to speak in Philly



President Joe Biden climbs stairs to deliver remarks on his economic objectives at the Tioga Marine Terminal in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S., October 13, 2023. He briefly stumbled before regaining his balance and starting his event.

The latest trip came before an event where Biden also addressed the issue of American hostages detained inside Gaza.

He had spoken to family members of those held captive earlier on Friday.

Biden condemned the 'horrifying' Hamas attack in Israel and said the terrorists who killed Israelis including women and children 'make Al Qaeda look pure. They're pure evil.'



The stumble came just at the start of an event, and aired on cable networks



It came on a brightly lit day where Biden wants to try to focus on his plans to grow the economy in jobs, even during a week where he has been contending with the Hamas attack on Israel and fears of a widening conflict

In late [September](#), Biden slipped and almost fell while coming down the stairs of Air Force One.

That happened while meeting with striking United Auto Workers in Michigan.

The 80-year-old president's other stumbles have included [falling while boarding Air Force One](#), [tripping on various staircases](#), and taking a [dramatic tumble at the Air Force Academy](#).

Biden is battling public concerns about his age and performance.

He has been continuing to try to campaign around the country while also holding official events outside DC, with polls showing him a in a close potential race with former President Donald Trump.

This week he filed paperwork to run in the Nevada Democratic primary, set for February. The filing deadline is October 16.

His top polling primary challenger, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., on Monday announced he would run as independent.

Aides are making adjustments to his routine to try to protect the president, including making increased use of shorter stairs on Air Force One.

MARCH 2021: Biden stumbles up the stairs while boarding Air Force One

Biden, then 78, was boarding the aircraft at Joint Base Andrews just before noon for a flight to Atlanta when he stumbled.

He gripped onto the railing, steadied himself and kept going but lost his footing a second time and then a third.

On the third trip, he fell to his knees. He got back up then carried on up the stairs before giving a salute at the top then disappearing into the aircraft.

Once on the plane, White House Deputy Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters that he was '100 percent fine'.

The White House blamed the wind. But it wasn't the only time he would struggle navigating the steps that have proved tricky for his predecessors, including Gerald Ford.

While visiting Austria in 1975, Ford's knee gave way and he tumbled down the Air Force One steps.



Biden's first stumble as he bounded up the stairs of Air Force One



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He was on his way to Atlanta when he hit the steps, just two months after his inauguration

JUNE 2022: Biden falls off his bike in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Biden was at his beach house with Jill for the weekend when he went out for a bike ride and stopped briefly to answer questions from the press.

He was stopped in front of a group of reporters when he topped to the side and hit the tarmac.

Gasps could be heard as he lay on the ground for 10 seconds before being helped up by the Secret Service.

The White House later said his foot got caught on a pedal while he was trying to dismount and he wasn't hurt.



Biden, the US oldest-ever president, is pictured sitting on the pavement after the fall, which transpired around 9:30 am Saturday, caught up in the bike's frame



Gasps rang out after the president unexpectedly fell Saturday as he was trying to dismount his bike to chat with a crowd who had gathered along a Rehoboth Beach bike path

MAY 2022: Biden nearly falls while walking up the stairs of Air Force One on his way to Illinois

Biden was on his way to [Illinois](#) to discuss the recent downtick in - but still at a 40-year high - [inflation](#), when he again slipped as he entered Air Force One.

He managed to regain his composure, however, and did not hit the ground.

Biden is known to take pride in keeping in shape.

He works out every morning with a trainer, focusing on weights and strength training.

He is an avid cyclist, regularly riding around his Delaware home.

And during the work day he will often step outside for some air and a stroll around the grounds, frequently accompanied by his German Shepherd puppy, Commander, who he welcome to the family in December 2021.

President Biden stumbles up stairs boarding Air Force One



FEBRUARY 2023: Biden stumbles on the Air Force One stairs on the way back to the U.S. from Ukraine and Poland

Biden was ending a visit to Europe when he nearly fell on Air Force One's steps.

The 80-year-old was climbing the steps with his customary vigor when he misplaced his footing.

He did not fall, however, and used his hands to support himself.



FEBRUARY 2023: Biden concluded his *trip* to Ukraine and Poland by falling up the stairs of Air Force One as he was headed back to the United States

MARCH 2023: Biden briefly stumbles while boarding a flight to Selma, Alabama

One of Biden's brief wobbles on the stairs came during a trip to Alabama.

He was walking up the Air Force One steps when he appeared to lose his balance, and carried on.



President Joe Biden once again had trouble navigating Air Force One's stairs - briefly stumbling as he boarded the presidential aircraft Sunday as he departed from Selma, Alabama

MAY 2023: Biden trips while walking on the stairs at the Itsukushima Shrine in Japan

Biden tripped as he walked down the stairs of the Itsukushima Shrine in his rush to greet Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

The president was running late - all the other G7 leaders had arrived on Miyajima Island and were waiting on him to begin the tour of the holy site - when he stumbled and caught himself before he fell.

He and Kishida continued on as if the slip didn't happen, joining the rest of the heads of state to see the iconic 'floating' torii gate.

The evening on the famous island, known for its wild deer, capped the end of a long first day of the summit.

After the tour, the world leaders - the heads of the United States, Japan, Canada, Italy, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and European Union

- had a private dinner on the island.

President Biden stumbles on stairs at visit to Itsukushima Shrine



President Joe Biden tripped as he walked down the stairs of the Itsukushima Shrine

June 2023: Biden tumbles during Air Force Academy commencement

The president fell to the ground at the Air Force Academy commencement ceremony. The episode raised concerns inside and outside the White House, and prompted some adjustments to his travel protocol.

Dramatic video of the event appeared to show the president tripping over a black sandbag that was on stage, where the president congratulated graduating cadets.

'I got sandbagged,' he joked to reporters following the tumble.



Biden looks back at a sandbag after he fell on the stage at the Air Force Academy Graduation Ceremony in Colorado on Thursday

Biden trips, falls while handing out diplomas at Air Force Academy



September 2023: Biden slipped de-boarding Air Force One

Biden slipped and almost fell coming down the small stair case from Air Force One on Tuesday, just after it was revealed he is doing balancing exercises, wearing sneakers and using the shorter stairs in an effort to avoid any stumbles.

The president used the lower stairs of Air Force One as he exited the presidential plane in [Michigan](#) to meet with striking auto workers. Close to the bottom, his heel slipped but he caught himself before he fell.

He also appeared to be wearing hiking boots or work boots of some kind, which would be sturdier for his feet than dress shoes.