



Winter Safety

Winter conditions can create a variety of safety challenges and hazards on the worksite. For example, the presence of ice, snow, slush, wet surfaces and mud (during a thaw) increase the likelihood of slip and fall incidents. **Be prepared and take your time!**



General Winter Safety Tips

- Identify potential slip, trip and fall hazards in the workplace. Warn others by placing appropriate signage or by closing off the area.
- Clean ice and snow from parking lots, walkways, access areas and work platforms.
- Wear appropriate footwear—wear shoes or boots with rough (waffled, ridged or heavily textured) soles or ice cleats when walking in slick conditions.
- Make sure that stairs, ladders and scaffold planks are clear.
- Simply turning icy planks over may not be enough because ice often forms on the underside.
- Use sand, salt or other de-icing material to prevent slips and falls.
- Watch your footing. Walking surfaces may be clear in sunny areas but icy in the shade.
- Use handrails where provided.
- Be aware of your surroundings, look up and take notice of any icicles that have formed. Remove icicles, especially when the temperature starts to warm up.
 - If icicles can't be removed, rope off the area below them and put up warning signs.
- When walking, look where you are going and have your hands ready to steady yourself should you slip.
- Avoid carrying heavy loads that may compromise your balance.
- Be aware that pedestrians may not be visible in snowy conditions (another reason we use high visibility apparel).
- Clear frost and snow completely from all windows, lights and mirrors on vehicles and heavy equipment.