



SAFETY TALK

Snow Removal/Clearing

Snow removal is an important service we complete for our communities, and with unpredictable weather, snow removal operations can begin at any time.

What's the danger?

Snow storms make the roads less reliable, creating an environment that is more likely to cause an incident. If you are in a collision it may be more difficult for emergency services to locate you.

Cold weather can affect your machines and cause a breakdown, leaving you stranded in dangerous climates, leading to hypothermia.

Pedestrians and vehicles can come out of nowhere. If you are not paying attention, an accident can occur.

How to protect yourself

Being prepared is the best way to protect yourself while removing snow.

- Be prepared for the cold and dress appropriately
- Monitor the weather frequently and pay attention to hazardous conditions that may develop
- Use your company's 'working alone plan' so that someone knows the route you will be taking and when you will return
- Always inspect your equipment to ensure everything is functioning properly
- Keep your machine off the road whenever possible
- Clean and adjust your mirrors for best visibility
- Always test the back-up alarm before moving your machine and sound your horn before backing up
- Use signs, reflectors and high-visibility clothing to warn oncoming traffic if you are working near a roadway
- Stay alert and know your surroundings

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Date: _____

Performed by: _____

Concerns:

Employee Name:

Supervisor: _____

Location: _____

Corrective Actions:

Employee Signature:

