



# 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

Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and file for COR™ / SECOR audit purposes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Concerns:

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Employee Name:

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Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Actions:

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Employee Signature:

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