



SAFETY TALK

Slips, trips & falls on icy surface

As the temperature drops, the number of slips and falls rises. No matter how well the snow or ice is removed from parking lots, sidewalks and the jobsite, you will encounter slippery surfaces when walking outside in the winter.

What's the danger?

A slip or fall will happen when there is not enough traction between the footwear and the walking surface.

Slips on ice often result in serious injury. Injuries to arms, wrists, back and head are the most common.

Snow that accumulates on the jobsite will create ruts and slippery surfaces.

Accumulation of snow and ice immediately outside of doorways, as well, can cause visitors and workers to slip.

How to protect yourself

It is important for everyone to be aware of these dangers and learn how to walk carefully on ice and slippery surfaces.

- Always look forward to assess slippery ice surfaces ahead

- Inspect all frequent travel paths and spread sand or salt to make walking safer
- Keep walkways clear of mud, snow and ice
- Use caution getting in and out of vehicles and equipment
- Use caution when carrying heavy loads on ice
- Watch for slippery floors when entering workshops
- Practice good housekeeping to reduce the clutter or objects that can be tripped over
- Remove as much snow and water from your boots as you can

What would you do?

What behaviours cause the greatest risk of slips, trips and falls at your work site in the winter?

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

Date: _____

Performed by: _____

Supervisor: _____

Location: _____

Concerns:

Corrective Actions:

Employee Name:

Employee Signature:
