



Safety Blast

Winter Weather

Slips/Trips/Falls

Slips, trips and falls are one of the leading causes of injuries and fatalities in the workplace.

Inclement weather greatly increases the chance for one of these incidents. According to OSHA, slips, trips, and falls incidents cause 15% of all accidental deaths and are second only to motor vehicles-accidents. According to Grainger slips, trips, and falls account for about 25% of all reported injury claims per fiscal year, more than 95 million lost workdays per year which accounts for about 65% of all workdays lost.

When Walking on Icy/ Snowy Surfaces:

- Remove trip hazards before snow or ice conditions, to prevent tripping over a buried object.
- Shovel and salt parking lots and walkways prior to work beginning in that area.
- Take your time and take smaller steps when walking across any slippery surfaces.
- Always wear the proper footwear for the weather.
- Ice Cleats may be a possible solution when working in inclement weather for an ongoing period of time. (Winter Walking link: <https://www.zeroslips.com/usi> SILBA Ice Grip program)
- Work to reduce wet or slippery surfaces inside and outside.



Discussion Points:

- What would a Pre-Task Plan look like for our yard pertaining to inclement weather?
- What can I do to help prevent a slip or fall?
- Who is responsible for treating walkways and slippery surfaces?