



# WINTER WALKING SURFACES

Toolbox Talks for Municipal Utilities

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**Falls from slips or trips account for nearly 20% of all workplace accidents. To help prevent slipping and falling during icy conditions:**

**Use a 3-point contact and keep both hands free when getting in and out of vehicles. Make sure that steps on equipment are free of ice, snow or mud.**

**Use skid-resistant floor mats near entry doors and make sure to keep them clean and dry. The floor underneath the mat must be dry to prevent it from sliding.**

**Check your footwear and make sure to remove all accumulated ice, snow and mud.**

**Don't carry large loads that obstruct your vision. Make sure that you can see where you are walking and that you have one hand free to use the handrail when using steps.**

**When crossing streets, remember that vehicles may not be able to stop quickly. Give them plenty of room.**

**Even though you are careful, you may occasionally fall. Don't move until you are certain you haven't broken any bones.**



Wear slip-resistant footwear appropriate for icy conditions

- Wearing slip-resistant footwear is one of the best ways to prevent falls during winter conditions.
- Don't be in a hurry! Take smaller steps and give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination. Be careful when turning corners.