



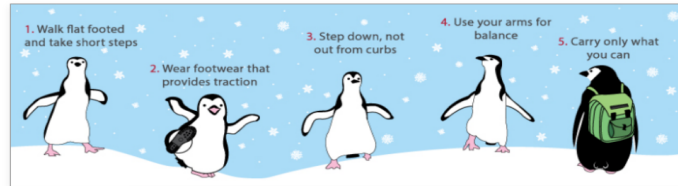
# Winter Safety Tips and Tricks

With winter quickly approaching, it's a perfect time to prepare employees for icy conditions. Lets prevent accidental slips, trips and falls from the Wisconsin ice and snow, and safely operate winter- specific equipment, so all employees can make it home for the holidays!

## 'Walk Like A Penguin' ❄️

To prevent falling during slippery conditions try to 'walk like a penguin' by:

- Wearing treaded footwear that provides traction. Bring shoes to change into once inside
- Point arms down at an angle and feet slightly outward
- Do not place hands in pockets and limit what you carry to provide better balance
- Keep knees slightly bent and center of gravity over your front leg
- Take slow, short steps or shuffle to increase traction



## ❄️ When at Home

- To prevent shoveling injuries, try pushing the snow with short strokes instead of lifting. Use your legs and not your lower back to move the shovel
- Sprinkle non-clumping cat litter or sand on icy patches for better traction and salt for melting ice

Snow blowers commonly cause lacerations or amputations when operators try to clear snow from the discharge chute or debris from the auger/collectors.

- Turn off Engine (unplug electric models)
- Wait for all moving parts to stop
- Use snow clean-out tool or broom handle to remove clogs
- NEVER place hands or feet near auger/impeller or in the discharge chute

## Traveling ❄️

Share the road with snowplows and remember to:

- **Be patient**, snowplows are working to improve road conditions
- **Stay back** at least 200 feet
- **Stay alert** for frequent turns, exiting and driving over centerlines
- **Slow down** to a safe speed for icy and snowy conditions

Other tips to remember while driving:

- Clear snow and ice from your vehicle's windows, front and rear lights, roof and hood
- Allow extra time and following distance. Most crashes are due to vehicles going too fast for existing conditions
- Keep a safe distance behind large trucks as they may block the view of the road and pieces of ice may blow off the top of commercial trucks
- Remember bridges and overpasses can be slippery, even if adjacent roads are in good condition

## ❄️ Salt Truck Auger Safety

Worker's hands and clothing can be caught by unguarded, rotating machinery leading to serious injuries or death. Snowplow Drivers Die When Caught in Auger of Salt Spreader:

- December 2004: Driver died after his clothing became entwined around a rotary auger in the dump body when trying to free ice or salt clumps from the auger
- November 2010: Driver died while servicing a salt spreader truck and became entangled in the auger
- February 2018: Worker died after he climbed into the dump truck bed carrying salt and slipped into the auger

Recommended Safe Practices:

- Keep guards on all rotating machinery
- Stop all motion before maintenance or clearing jams: powertrain shafts, conveyor belts, augers
- Ensure workers are trained to recognize hazards associated with working around exposed rotating parts
- Implement an effective Lockout Tagout program that identifies and addresses the hazards associated with rotary machine parts and includes all the manufacturer's recommendations for safe machine handling
- Inspect equipment after maintenance procedures to ensure guards are replaced before equipment is operable

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