Winter Safety - Slips, Trips and Falls

Wintertime brings an increased risk for slips, trips and falls due to slippery sidewalks, parking lots and work areas. No matter how diligent our Facilities Department is in the removal of snow and ice from parking lots, roadways and sidewalks, staff and students will likely still encounter slippery surfaces. It’s important for you to be aware of the increased potential for slips, trips and falls and follow the measures outlined below to help make this winter a safe one for you.

- Wear shoes or boots that provide traction on snow and ice: rubber and neoprene composite. Avoid plastic and leather soles.
- When entering buildings, remove snow and water from footwear to prevent creating wet slippery conditions indoors.
- Use walkways that have been salted or shoveled. Don’t take shortcuts over snow piles and in areas where snow and ice removal is not feasible.
- Look ahead and test the travel path for slickness by sliding your shoe/boot on it before proceeding.
- Take short steps to maintain your center of balance over your feet.
- Walk slowly; never run on snow or ice covered surfaces.
- When entering and/or exiting vehicles, use the vehicle for support. Never jump from vehicles or equipment.
- Keep both hands free for balance, rather than in your pockets.
- Plan ahead; give yourself sufficient time and plan your route.
- Sidewalks completely covered with ice may require travel along its grassy edge for traction.

Reporting Slip, Trip and Fall Hazards

WCTC encourages staff and students to report slip, trip and fall hazards to the Facilities Department (262-691-5555 or Ext. #5555). If you need to leave a message, please provide the date, time and location of the hazard. Facilities will address the situation as soon as possible.

Thank you and have a safe and healthy winter!