

LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOSSES

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WINTER SAFETY



- WINTER WEATHER CAN HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT ON CLAIMS BUT THIS IMPACT CAN BE MINIMIZED.
- CONSIDER WHO IS PERFORMING SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AND WHETHER THEY ARE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THESE ACTIONS SAFELY. AS AN EXAMPLE, HAVE THEY HAD PREVIOUS INJURIES THAT COULD BE WORSENERD BY SHOVELING? SEE EXAMPLE 3 BELOW
- PRE-TREAT PARKING LOTS AND SIDEWALKS WHEN SNOW OR ICE IS EXPECTED.
- PLAN WHERE TO PILE SNOW AS SUBSEQUENT MELTING/REFREEZING CYCLES CAN CREATE ICY PATCHES
- DISCUSS FOOTWEAR WITH EMPLOYEES
- PROVIDE CAUTION/WET FLOOR SIGNS AT ALL ENTRANCES.
- MAINTAIN HEAT AND CONSIDER THOSE COLDER AREAS OF THE BUILDING WHERE HEAT MAY NOT EASILY REACH AS THESE AREAS ARE PRONE TO PIPE BREAKS
- DRIVER SLOWER THAN NORMAL AND GIVE MORE SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND THE CAR IN FRONT ON SNOW COVERED ROAD.

- PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE SLIPPED ON ICY PATCH WALKING THROUGH MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT. LOW BACK AND NECKS INJURIES AND A TOTAL INCURRED OF \$81,000
- FIRE ENGINE BEING DRIVEN TOO FAST ON SNOWY ROADS SLID OFF ON INTO SHOULDER WITH REPAIR COSTS AND RENTAL FEES TOTALING OVER \$91,000.
- PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE TORE ROTATOR CUFF WHILE SHOVELING SNOW ALL DAY. WITH NECESSARY SHOULD SURGERY THIS CLAIM TOTALS \$117,000.