



Automate Safety Toolbox Talks. Save Time.

Topic: Slips, Trips, and Falls on Ice or Snowy Job Sites

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Working in snowy or icy conditions can be challenging, especially when it comes to maintaining safety on the job site. Slips, trips, and falls are common accidents that can lead to serious injuries. It's important to stay aware and take the necessary precautions to prevent these occurrences from happening. Let's talk about how to keep our job site safe.

Understanding the Risks

Ice and snow can create hazardous conditions that affect our balance and footing. Recognizing potential hazards is the first step in staying safe.

- **Wet Conditions:** Snow can melt during the day and refreeze at night, creating slippery surfaces.
- **Hidden Hazards:** Ice can be hard to see, especially if it's covered by snow.
- **Uneven Surfaces:** Ground can be uneven or hidden under snow, which increases the chance of trips and falls.

Examples of Common Situations

There are many situations where slips, trips, and falls can happen on the job. Here are a few examples:

- Walking across the job site to retrieve materials while dodging icy patches.
- Carrying heavy loads and not seeing a patch of black ice.
- Catching a toe on uneven ground that's hidden under snow.

Preventative Measures You Can Take

By implementing some basic strategies, we can help minimize the risk of slips, trips, and falls.

- **Dress Appropriately:** Wear proper footwear with good traction. Insulated and waterproof boots can prevent slipping.
- **Use Salt or Sand:** When it's safe to do so, spread salt or sand on icy areas to improve grip.
- **Clear Snow:** Regularly shovel snow from walkways and ensure they are clear for everyone's safety.

Key Safety Practices

It's also vital to adopt some key safety practices while on site:

- **Stay Alert:** Always be on the lookout for slippery spots and avoid distractions while walking.
- **Take Shorter Steps:** Walking carefully and taking shorter steps can enhance stability.
- **Avoid Carrying Heavy Loads:** If possible, don't carry objects that obstruct your view of the ground.

Reporting Hazards

If you notice ice or snow creating a hazard, it's essential to report it immediately. Here's how:

- **Inform a Supervisor:** Tell your supervisor about the problem as soon as you spot it.
- **Mark Hazard Zones:** If safe, consider marking particularly slippery areas to warn others.

Ending the Risk of Injuries

In icy conditions, every team member's contribution counts. By working together to maintain a safe work environment, we can help prevent injuries due to slips, trips, and falls. Remember, it's all about being proactive. Let's stay safe out there!

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