

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

During the winter season it's often a challenge to maintain your property clear of snow and ice, but it's a responsibility that must be met with diligence for the prevention of slip and fall accidents to your customers, employees, and the public in general.

BEFORE WINTER

- Arrange for a plow and ice melt contractor well before the winter season starts.
- Have ice melt available and stored in a dry and easily accessible place.
- Have snow removal equipment available. This includes shovels, ice scrapers, ice melt and spreaders and snow blowers. They should be ready before the first ice event or snow fall.
- Have carts, dollies or other material-handling equipment available to move heavy objects like ice melt bags.



CANOPIES AND RAIN GUTTERS

Be aware of ice melting from canopies or rain gutters in the day that can re-freeze at night, especially near areas where people may walk.



ICE BUILD-UP ON ROOFS

Watch for ice build-up on roofs, especially where employees and customers walk. Chunks of ice can break off and cause personal injury. Clear these ice chunks before they break off.



SALT, ICE MELT AND DEICERS

A variety of ice melting compounds can be used. Consider the melting capabilities of the ice melt compound that you plan to use and be sure that it works in temperatures well below freezing. Some ice melts can be harmful to vegetation, concrete and steel. It is important to read the product label before use. Many deicers are now colored to make them visible when applied.



DOCUMENT ACTIVITY

Snow and ice clearing activity should be documented to create a record of what has been done to keep your property safe.