Winter Safety Campaign

Winter Safe Driving Tips

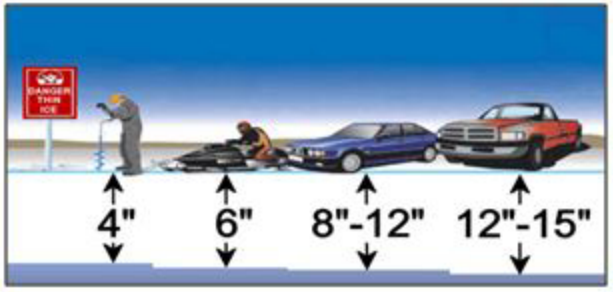
- **Reduce your speed!** When it snows, use your head not your feet. Slow down for wet, snowy, or icy conditions; when visibility is poor; or when conditions are changing or unpredictable; no matter what type of vehicle you drive.
- **Safe Travel Around Snow Plows!** Snowplows plow far and wide—sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during plowing operations. Plows also turn and exit the road frequently.
- **Be Prepared!** Before venturing out onto snowy roadways, make sure you've cleared the snow off your vehicle's windows and lights, including brake lights and turn signals. Make sure you can see and be seen. Buckle up, and remember, when driving in ice and snow, take it slow.

ICE

THE DANGERS OF ICE

Walking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice fishing (with or without a car), cross-country skiing, skating, and playing sports are dangerous pastimes when you don't know how to tell if ice is thick enough to withstand weight. There are ways to assist in gauging the potential safety of ice, such as observing its color, testing its thickness and being aware of external factors such as temperature, local conditions and local knowledge. However, no sport undertaken on ice over water bodies is ever without risk. If in doubt, do not go onto the ice; moreover, it never pays to be too early or too late in the season.

Learn the thickness safety margins of ice:



AVOIDING SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

This time of year is typically slip/trip/fall injury season on and off the job. You can prevent this type of thing from happening by:

- RECOGNIZING *the many hazards at work or at home*
- AVOIDING *hazards by walking around them*
- CONTROLLING *hazards by marking them clearly so others won't get hurt*
- CORRECTING *hazards yourself or*
- REPORTING *hazards to someone who can correct them*

Here are some tips which you may find helpful in avoiding slip/trip/fall injuries:

- *Practice safe walking skills .*
- *Wear slip-resistant shoes.*
- *Keep one hand free for balance .*
- *Avoid carrying heavy objects or two-handed carries when walking on surfaces with snow or ice.*
- *Don't walk on ice unless you absolutely have to and can't avoid it.*
- *Pay special attention to slippery surfaces (ice or snow covered) which are not level or when going up or down steps.*

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