

# Don't slip into winter

## Proper Footwear

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### Did you know?



According to the Workers' Compensation Board, between 13-14 per cent of all claims made between the early winter dates of October and December are a result of slipping on something or losing balance.



Wearing proper footwear helps prevent slips and injuries. When working outdoors it is important to wear the right footwear, this could include:

- Cleats. It is important to remove when entering a building as it can cause a slip.
- Winter footwear with good traction. Footwear with traction should be worn when working or walking to work and through parking lots.

### Reporting a slip

Everyone plays a role in reducing workplace incidents.

Reporting slips and falls is responsible as it can prevent other slips, falls and potentially serious incidents and injuries.

Report slips and falls using Public School Works (PSW) as soon as possible to ensure you and your colleagues can work safely.

### Shop Talk for OHS Committee:

- Review how to identify and walk on slippery surfaces,
- Review how to report a slip, trip or fall and what steps to take when one occurs.
- Discuss with your staff where supplies are and how to remedy slipping hazards (e.g. location of ice melt or signage).
- Review daily/weekly changing conditions and how they impact the different work surfaces (e.g. note if new mats have been installed at entryways in preparation for winter).
- Discuss with staff what can be done to prevent a slip, and challenge staff to find other ways to prevent slips.
- Most importantly, encourage the use of proper footwear while in transit to and from work, as well as at the worksite.