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NOVEMBER 2019 SAFETY TALK – HIDDEN DANGERS OF ICE AND SNOW

What is the Danger???

- As the temperature drops, the number of slips and falls rises. No matter how well the snow and ice is removed from parking lots, sidewalks and the job site, you will still encounter some slippery surfaces when walking outside in the winter.
- Slips on ice often results in serious injury: Injuries to arms, wrists, back, hips, and the head are most common
- An accumulation of snow and ice immediately outside of doorways exposes visitors and workers to slips and falls

How to Protect Yourself:

- Always look forward to assess slippery ice surfaces ahead
- Exercise caution when getting in and out of vehicles or equipment
- Use caution when carrying heavy loads on ice (try to keep arms free to catch yourself if you fall)
- Watch for slippery floors when entering workshops
- Remove as much snow and water from your boots as you can when entering a building
- Wear the proper footwear... avoid plastic and leather-soled shoes or boots
- Avoid inclines
- If needed, take small steps to maintain your center balance (avoid hands in pockets)
- If a fall takes place, report it to your supervisor immediately

You can find more information about snow removal at:

<https://www.coloradomesa.edu/facilities/services/snow-removal.html>

Any areas of concern can be reported to Facilities at: 970.248.1465

