

LOSS CONTROL DATA GUIDE

Control of Winter Hazards Keep Customers and Employees Safe from Injury

General Controls

1. Establish procedures and train employees in the proper control of winter hazards.
2. Provide proper tools for control of snow and ice, including:
 - snow shovels
 - ice chippers
 - snow pullers
 - ice melting compounds
 - door mats and/or nonskid runners
3. Be sure heating systems are serviced and maintained in good working order.
4. Check fire protection systems frequently to prevent freeze-ups and assure proper operation during severe weather.

Interior Controls

1. Provide foot wipers or nonskid runners near all entrance ways. (All temporary floor coverings should be kept clean and replaced when worn).
2. Instruct employees to keep wet floors mopped during inclement weather.
3. Utilize barricades and/or warning signs to warn customers of hazardous floor conditions.

Exterior Controls

1. Make advance arrangements for prompt snow plowing of parking lot driveways.
2. Provide for prompt shoveling and de-icing of:
 - sidewalks
 - walkways
 - steps.
3. Watch for refreezing of melted snow and ice on walkways and parking lots.
4. Control build-up of icicles and frozen snow masses on roof overhangs, rain gutters and overhead fixtures.
5. Maintain walkway and parking lot surfaces in good condition to prevent ice and snow-filled holes from creating concealed tripping hazards.
6. Provide adequate lighting to illuminate parking lots, walkways and steps.
7. Keep outside recreation areas closed until free of ice and snow.
8. Maintain accessibility of emergency areas, fire lanes, fire hydrants and fire protection equipment.
9. Do not permit snow piles to obstruct the view of traffic entering or leaving the premises.

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