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January's Tip: Winter Workplace Safety



- Give yourself extra time on your way to and from work so you can drive and park safely!
- Wear appropriate footwear when coming in to work to prevent slips and falls – boots or sturdy shoes with good treads.
- Be aware of Black Ice. Black Ice is nearly invisible and forms on the pavement, bridges, overpasses and shaded areas when the temperature is rising faster than the pavement temperature.
- Report icy sidewalk or road conditions to your supervisor, who will call Facilities during the day (x3136) or Public Safety during off-hours (x3333).
- Pay attention to where you're walking – stay on cleared sidewalks. Don't walk on areas that are snowy or icy or cut across the grass.
- Wipe your shoes or boots on the floor mat once you get inside a building, and pay attention when you're walking – the floor could be damp or wet. Report wet indoor conditions to Facilities or Public Safety (after hours).
- Drive carefully on campus during bad weather, whether you're using golf carts, your own vehicle, or a University vehicle. Drive at speeds appropriate for the conditions.
- New England weather can change quickly – stay prepared for poor winter weather, even if the weather is clear when you leave for work – keep extra warm clothes in your locker, office, desk, or car.