

Safe Working - Frost and Ice



Due to the frosty/icy weather forecast, all staff are reminded to take extra precautions due to slippery/icy surfaces and underfoot conditions. All staff should take extra care when getting in and out of vehicles, on walkways and especially timber/wet surfaces etc.

As part of winter preparedness plans, staff should ensure walkways are treated as necessary to prevent accidents.

Please take extra care to avoid accidents and remember:

- Plan ahead - Think About the conditions you'll be working in and how best to stay safe
- Think before you walk - Winter conditions linked to frosty/icy conditions increases your risk of slips and trips
- Remove/Report Close Calls - Help keep people safe by removing and report close calls
- Kit yourself out - Make sure you have the right clothing and equipment for winter hazards
- Take appropriate breaks - Take even more care later in the shift as tiredness and fatigue is accelerated when you are cold and this increases your risk of an accident
- Drivers are also reminded of the additional hazards and should refer to the previous tips in drivers safety..

Every Winter we have an increased risk of slip, trip and fall related accidents which can lead to broken bones and/or serious injuries. By being aware, planning for conditions and taking some practical steps, we can all avoid injury.

Please take a little more time and stay safe this winter so you get home safe everyday!