

Safety Corner

“Slips & Falls - Ice Hazards”

Walking Safety Tips:

It's near that time of season where slips and falls occur at an increasing number here in Lincoln County. The Maintenance Department and their crews do a very good job of keeping the sidewalks and steps clear of snow and ice. However, there may be icy patches they may not have had a chance to get to before you've walked to the office, parking lot, annex, etc. The information below provide some good advice on being aware of your surroundings during the winter months and ways to prevent slips and falls.

- Wear the proper foot gear.
- Take small steps to keep your center of balance under you.
- Walk slowly and never run on icy ground.
- Keep both hands free for balance, rather than in your pockets.
- Use handrails from start to finish.
- Avoid carrying loads on stairways; or carry loads that you can see over.
- Keep your eyes on where you are going.
- Test potentially slick areas by tapping your foot on them.
- Step - Don't jump from vehicles and equipment.
- Keep walkways clear of debris, water, ice and slippery materials.

Falling Safety:

Even when you practice safe walking habits, slipping on ice is sometimes unavoidable, so when the helpful hints for walking on ice doesn't work, and you know you are going to slip, try to reduce your potential injury when falling by:

- Roll with the fall. Try to twist and roll backwards, rather than falling forward.
- Relax as much as possible when you begin to fall.
- Toss the load you are carrying. Protect yourself instead of the objects being carried.



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Monthly Departmental Safety Meetings

Please remember, monthly departmental safety meetings must be documented and attendance rosters turned into Brenda Rebo. Attendance rosters should be turned in at the conclusion of each monthly safety meeting. The county will continue to conduct quarterly dinner gift certificate drawings for employees of departments who have 100% attendance at their monthly safety meetings. Employees attending all 12 departmental safety meetings shall be eligible for a safety incentive award at the end of the year.

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Lincoln County Safety Committee Mission Statement

To develop, put into practice, and maintain the Lincoln County Injury and Illness Prevention Program which promotes safety awareness and safe work practices for all county departments and employees and that is in compliance with all federal, state, and county requirements in order to reduce and prevent accidents, injuries, and illnesses of employees.

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