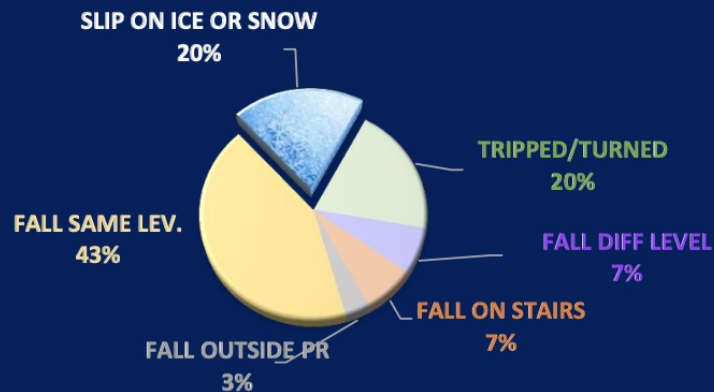


# Winter Weather Advisory

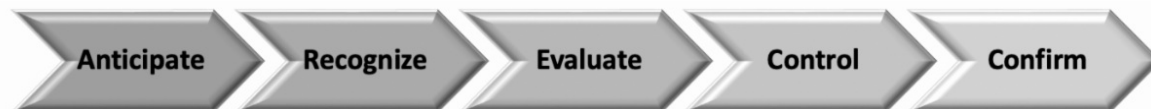
## How to Prevent Slips, Trips, and Falls (STF)

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Did you know that 20% of MIIA members' Workers Compensation claims from 2017 to 2022 were due to slips, and falls on ice and snow?



### ARECC Strategy for Management of Winter Storm Hazards



**Anticipate:** Identify areas, activities, changing conditions posing predictable slips, trips falls.

**Recognize:** Inspect areas where employees will be walking and working.

**Evaluate:** Assess the hazards thoroughly to identify proper control methods.

**Control:** Means and methods used to prevent and control STF.

**Confirm:** Monitor control measures to ensure they continue to prevent and mitigate hazards.

### How to Apply the ARECC Strategy Before, During and After Winter Storms

#### Preparation Before the Storm

##### Coordinate Snow and Ice Management Roles and Responsibilities

- Determine management roles between employees, vendors, and other municipal departments. Ensure snowplowing by all entities address areas of concern in a timely way and do not block egress and parking, causing people to walk and park on untreated surfaces.
- Determine schedule and responsibilities for monitoring and mitigating conditions during the day as temperature, precipitation and sun and shade on surfaces change conditions.



##### Obtain Supplies, Inspect Equipment and Provide Training

- Require or provide slip resistant footwear for employees responsible for shoveling, snow blowing, plowing, and bus and crossing guard duties.
- Obtain sand and deicing supplies and locate near point of use.
- Determine types of applications before, during and after the storm.

- Inspect snow blowers, salt dispensers, plowing equipment, etc.
- Provide training on use of equipment, how to shovel safely and effective deicing.

#### Prepare Actively Used Building Entrances

- Provide signs, sand, and deicing products near building entrances.
- Procure an adequate number of "Wet Floor" signs for each building entrance and a few extra for spills inside the building.

#### Prepare the Building Exterior

- Repair drainage problems that cause standing water, pooling water and ice.
- Reroute drainage pipes away from depositing water onto walkways and stairs.

### During the Storm

Monitor and manage the following hazards throughout the day even if the storm has ceased. This will help address the affects from sun/shade, precipitation, and temperature on surfaces.



#### Building Entrances

- Inspect entrances, and keep them clear of ice, snow, and pooling water.
- Provide "Wet Floor" and "Slippery Stair" signs in and near entrances/stairs

#### Building, Exterior, Walkways, and Stairways

- Keep areas shoveled, sanded and free of snow and ice.
- Keep handrails accessible, and close areas that cannot be managed.

#### Walkways, Parking Lots, Crosswalks, Passenger Pick-Up/Drop Off Locations

- Conduct checks prior to key times of anticipated heavy use, such as recess, lunch breaks, end of work and school day, early release times, after school, etc.
- Apply sand or deicer to ensure employees can safely enter and exit cars.
- If possible, close parking spots and walkways temporarily if ice cannot be controlled.

### After a Storm

- Check for obstacles such as downed branches, windblown items, etc
- Continue to monitor and mitigate ice on walkways, parking lots, etc



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