

TOOL BOX TALKS

Food Service Slips & Trips: Outdoors

To help prevent slips and trips, managers are encouraged to review these safety tips with their employees. Whenever working outside, making deliveries or taking out the trash, watch out for slip and trip hazards in the parking lot. Delivery drivers must watch out for slip and trip hazards everywhere they go. Indoor hazards are controllable, but outdoor hazards are more difficult to control.

WORKSAFE TIPS

- Wear appropriate footwear with aggressive tread and slip-resistant properties.
- Tennis shoes are minimal protection. They don't have slip-resistant properties or aggressive tread.
- Scan ahead when walking in parking lots.
- Do not text or talk on the phone when walking / working outside in icy or snowy conditions.
- Slow down and pay attention to the walking surface.
- Choose the safest path to the door. The safest path may not be the shortest route.
- Use only cleared pathways. During heavy snows, not all doors or sidewalks will be clear.
- Report ice and snow buildups that create hazards. If ice melt is available, use it.
- Watch out for trash or other trip hazards.
- Use slip-on ice cleats to prevent slips.
- Don't carry too much, bulky or heavy items.
- Park as close to the building as you can when making deliveries.
- Don't run— walk slowly and methodically.



Beware water on sidewalks that can turn to ice.



Watch out for slippery vehicle leaks.



Slipping on ice or snow can cause dangerous injuries.



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