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Safety Calendar





January 2026: Winter Storms

Keep your cool in cold weather!

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Climate events are increasing in frequency and intensity, and the number of billion-dollar disasters has tripled over the past five years, with winter storms making up a significant portion.¹ Winter storms enhance the risk of slips and falls, equipment damage and business interruptions.

Be prepared by following these safety tips:

 Preparation Before a Storm	 Actions to Take During a Storm	 Recovery After a Storm	 General Winter Weather Safety Practices
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a Winter Weather Plan Create a plan outlining procedures for severe winter weather conditions, including communication protocols and evacuation routes.• Monitor Weather Reports Keep an eye on local weather forecasts and alerts to stay informed of approaching storms.• Prepare an Emergency Kit Stock emergency supplies, including food, water, first-aid kits, flashlights, and blankets.• Ensure Proper Heating Check that heating systems are functional and can maintain a safe temperature in the workplace.• Inspect and Maintain Equipment Regularly check snow removal equipment and other tools to ensure they are in good working order.• Establish Remote Work Options If possible, develop a remote work policy to keep employees safe during severe weather.• Train Employees on Winter Weather Safety Conduct training sessions on how to prepare for, and respond to, winter storms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communicate Regularly Keep workers informed about weather conditions and any changes to work schedules.• Limit Travel Encourage employees to stay home if conditions are hazardous and avoid travel unless absolutely necessary.• Clear Walkways Regularly Have a plan in place for snow and ice removal from walkways and parking lots to prevent slips and falls.• Use Proper De-icing Materials Apply safe de-icing agents to remove ice from surfaces.• Ensure Lighting is Adequate Keep pathways and outdoor areas well lit to avoid accidents in low visibility conditions.• Monitor Indoor Temperature Ensure that the indoor temperature remains at a safe and comfortable level.• Secure Furniture and Equipment Ensure that all items are securely stored to prevent them from being knocked over by wind or snow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct a Safety Assessment After a storm, assess the premises for any hazards like fallen branches or structural damage.• Check Roof Integrity Inspect roofs for heavy snow accumulation that could jeopardize structural integrity.• Provide Support for Shoveling Enforce safe lifting techniques when shoveling.• Address Water Intrusion Risks During thawing, check for leaks or flooding from melting snow, and mitigate as needed.• Ensure Adequate Hydration Encourage employees to stay hydrated, as dry winter conditions can lead to dehydration.• Remain Cautious of Ice Threats Be aware of 'black ice' on surfaces and communicate any additional precautions.• Encourage Layered Clothing Remind employees to dress in layers to maintain warmth and comfort during their commute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement Slip-Resistant Flooring Use mats and floor treatments designed to reduce slip hazards.• Emergency Numbers Have a list of emergency contacts readily available to all employees.• Review Insurance Policies Ensure that insurance coverage is sufficient for winter-related incidents.• Promote Mental Health Other resources for mental health support, as winter storms can lead to increased stress and anxiety.• Encourage Communication with Family Remind employees to keep family informed about their safety plans.• Document Incidents Maintain records of any incidents that occur related to winter storms.• Buddy System Introduce a buddy system for employees working late or during severe weather conditions.

1. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2 Make sure all snow removal equipment is ready to go before the storm.	3 Introduce a buddy system for employees working late or during severe weather conditions.
4 Verify that roof drains/ downspouts are clear to allow melting ice to drain away.	5 Create a plan outlining procedures for severe winter weather conditions, including communication protocols and evacuation routes.	6 Keep an eye on local weather forecasts and alerts to stay informed of approaching storms.	7 Stock emergency supplies, including food, water, first-aid kits, flashlights, and blankets.	8 Check that heating systems are functional and can maintain a safe temperature in the workplace.	9 Place removed snow in areas where melting/ refreezing won't cause a slip and fall hazard.	10 Block off areas during snow removal to redirect pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
11 Conduct training sessions on how to prepare for, and respond to, winter storms.	12 Keep workers informed about weather conditions and any changes to work schedules.	13 Encourage employees to stay home if conditions are hazardous and avoid travel unless absolutely necessary.	14 Maintain building temperature above 40°F.	15 Apply safe de-icing agents to remove ice from surfaces.	16 Keep pathways and outdoor areas well lit to avoid accidents in low visibility conditions.	17 Ensure that the indoor temperature remains at a safe and comfortable level.
18 Ensure that all items are securely stored to prevent them from being knocked over by wind or snow.	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Ensure that contracts have methods for risk transfer.	21 Inspect roofs for heavy snow accumulation that could jeopardize structural integrity.	22 Enforce safe lifting techniques when shoveling.	23 During thawing, check for leaks or flooding from melting snow, and mitigate as needed.	24 Encourage employees to stay hydrated, as dry winter conditions can lead to dehydration.
25 Remind employees to dress in layers to maintain warmth and comfort during their commute.	26 Use mats and floor treatments designed to reduce slip hazards.	27 Have a list of emergency contacts readily available to all employees.	28 Ensure that insurance coverage is sufficient for winter-related incidents.	29 Other resources for mental health support, as winter storms can lead to increased stress and anxiety.	30 After a storm, assess the premises for any hazards like fallen branches or structural damage.	31 Maintain records of any incidents that occur related to winter storms.

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