

To Prevent Slips and Falls...



Sometimes You Have to Look Up

Water dripping from leaking canopies, roofs, gutters or snow piles can create slipping hazards when it freezes on the pavement during cold weather. **Here are some things you can do to solve it.**

1. Prepare

- Visually inspect and repair roofs, canopies and gutters for leaks.
- Train staff to not only look for ice spots and other slipping hazards, but to identify the cause of those hazards.
- Apply heat tape on roofs prone to snow and ice build up.
- Keep ample supplies of snow and ice removal products on-hand. Store them in easy to access locations.

2. Mitigate

- Apply ice melt, sand or salt—preferably colored—to icy areas regularly.
- Block off areas that present a dangerous slipping hazard with orange safety cones or caution tape.
- Inspect and reapply ice melt throughout day, especially if temperature drops at night.
- Remove ice and snow from roofs, and icicles under gutters. If applicable, use a telescoping pole or roof rake to remove. Avoid getting on roof or using ladders.

3. Document

- Keep an accurate record of inspection and mitigation efforts.
- Document all building maintenance work, and schedule preventive maintenance according to the projected lifespan of materials or building features.
- Post signage in areas vulnerable to slips, even if mitigation measures have been applied.