

Winter Hazards

Every year, winter brings many safety challenges. Cold temperatures can cause frostbite, hypothermia, and other cold-related injuries, snow can cause hazardous driving conditions, and ice can cause slips and falls. If you work outdoors you should take special precautions in the winter months to ensure your safety. Below are the common winter hazards and what you can do to stay safe.

Cold-Related Injuries

The two most common injuries caused by cold temperatures

Tips for Success When Talking to Your Team

Preparation is Key: Keep the topic relevant. Work with your team to review the various types of winter hazards in your workplace and discuss control methods to stay safe when working in cold temperatures.

Stay Positive: Keep the focus on what can be done to create a safe workplace, instead of focusing on what has gone wrong in the past.

Share a Story, Ask for a Story: Storytelling is a powerful method to convey information. Stories from your employees make the topic even more relatable.

For Additional Information

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Do you or your team have a safety story you'd like to share? Contact Risk Management at gwen.butler@northwestern.edu for details.