

Have a Safe Winter Season

Maintaining a safe facility is important during the winter season. Immediately after a snowfall, clear snow from walkways and parking lots. Apply ice melt to prevent walkways from freezing. Watch out for black ice, which forms when melted areas refreeze. Be cautious of parking lots, downspouts, and other run off areas where black ice typically hides. Patrol these areas hourly and before you open in the morning. Continue to apply ice melt until dry conditions return or the weather remains above freezing. Install absorbent, nonskid mats just inside the doorway to prevent indoor slip and fall accidents. Make sure the mats do not overlap, thus causing a trip hazard.

If you use an independent contractor to clear snow, be sure they have a certificate of insurance with limits equal to or greater than those on your insurance policy.