

# Preventing Winter Slips, Trips, and Falls

## FOR MAINTENANCE STAFF:

- Use non-slip floor mats at building entrances during inclement weather. Be sure all mats are in good condition and properly maintained.
- Promptly remove snow, ice, water and debris from sidewalks and parking areas.
- Provide salt/sand for icy surfaces.
- Replace broken lights at entrances and stairways. Be sure timers are correctly set.
- Be sure gutter downspouts are clear and free of debris.
- Redirect drainage away from building entrances and other walking surfaces.
- Display “Wet Floor” signs as needed.

## TIPS FOR EVERYONE:

- Wear appropriate footwear that provides traction on snow and ice. Avoid plastic and smooth soles.
- Clean your shoes when you go inside; caked snow and ice can make soles dangerous.
- Walk slowly and carefully. Always use handrails whenever available.
- Use care when entering or exiting vehicles; use vehicle for support.
- Always use designated walkways. Avoid taking shortcuts through uncleared areas.
- Don't carry large loads. Keep both hands free. Try using a backpack.
- Report icy conditions immediately!

**Remember...Ice and snow mean take it slow!**

