



WINTER - SNOW REMOVAL

Snow and Ice Removal from Roofs

TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF INJURY, PRACTICE THESE SAFETY TIPS

Hazards

- ⚠ Slips, Trips, & Falls**
 - Unsecure ladder
 - Ice and snow causing slippery conditions
 - Roof unable to support load
 - Skylights or other tripping hazards on roof
 - Lack of personal fall arrest system
 - Poor footwear
- ⚠ Struck By/Against**
 - Falling snow or ice
- ⚠ Exposure To**
 - Cold and wet conditions

5 Safety Tips

- 1** If possible, avoid going on the roof and instead work from the ground using a roof rake.
- 2** Act responsibly and be aware of the potential hazards when removing snow off of roofs when working from the ground or from the roof.
- 3** Be prepared with a plan in place prior to starting work so you are aware of all hidden hazards, like skylights or tripping hazards on the roof.
- 4** If working on the roof, ensure that it can support the added load prior to going on the roof and mark roof perimeter.
- 5** Work in small teams or pairs and avoid working alone.

PPE

ADHERE TO POLICY

- ✔ **Personal Protective Equipment**



Appropriate Footwear



Appropriate Clothing
(Refer to "Working in Cold Conditions" Safety Minute)



Personal Fall Arrest System

General Safety Tips

- ✔ If you don't have the proper equipment or training for working on the roof, hire a professional with insurance.
- ✔ Have a designated individual monitor the employees, watch and identify any potential hazards and communicate it with the team as soon as a hazard has been identified.
- ✔ If working from the ground, stay back and ensure there is a clear path or area that exists.
- ✔ Personal fall arrest systems, where railing or covers are not provided, shall be used when working on a roof.
- ✔ Always ensure that the fall arrest system will protect the worker if a fall does occur.
- ✔ Be sure to tie off to a secure structure.
- ✔ Ladders need to have level footing and shall be secured to prevent from sliding to either side.
- ✔ Rungs and footwear should be free from snow and ice when working on a roof.
- ✔ Ladders are to be angled 1 foot out for every 4 feet up and extended 3 feet beyond the roofline.