**Snow and Ice Removal from Roofs**

TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF INJURY, PRACTICE THESE SAFETY TIPS

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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

### PPE

- **ADHERE TO POLICY**
  - Personal Protective Equipment
  - Appropriate Footwear
  - Appropriate Clothing
  - Personal Fall Arrest System

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