Safety Moment

Winter Slip Trip Fall Prevention

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Winter Slip, Trip Fall Prevention Committee

- In 2017 the number of lost time injuries (15) caused by employee slips and falls due to winter conditions accounted for a third of lost time injuries in the entire year.

- In 2018 a Committee was formed including Facilities, Risk, EHS, Staff Wellness, Parking Services and Communications to take actions to prevent these injuries.
Two Key Strategies

1. Eliminate the hazard to the extent possible
   • Upgrade snow/ice removal practices and traction aid application
   • Promote reporting of slippery areas to Facilities to address

2. Communications Plan to Promote Safe Winter Walking
   • Good winter footwear
   • Safe walking practices on snow/ice
Results

Number of Winter Slip, Fall Injuries by Year

What can you do?

• Encourage your staff to report slippery areas to Facilities
  • Email myfacilities@ucalgary.ca or phone 403-220-7555

• Raise awareness of safe winter walking, importance of footwear
  • Resources available on EHS website--Safe winter walking webpage