Inclement Weather Safety

Work Safely

Stay balanced and aware!

- Stay alert for uneven surfaces and watch for curbs and potholes
- Concentrate on maintaining balance
- Walk with your arms at your sides (not in your pockets!)
- Walk flat-footed, taking short steps
- Slow down during icy conditions! Wear snow cleats as necessary.
- Visibility in snowy conditions may be low wear your high visibility vest, carry a flashlight, and use cones when working next to vehicular traffic.

Personal Safety

Layer clothing. Be prepared to adjust to changing temperatures. Wear a hat and gloves.

Personal Protective Equipment:

- high visibility safety vest
- shoe chains (Yaktrax)
- disposable nitrile gloves to be worn over warm gloves (for ice melt)
- hard hat, as needed
- safety glasses (for ice melt)
- work gloves with insulated glove liners



Wash hands before eating, drinking, or smoking (after handling ice melt).

Ergonomic Tips

Proper posture and handling is even more important during inclement weather! Snow removal is strenuous work!

- Stretch first, take breaks and be aware of fatigue
- Avoid continually performing repetitive motions like shoveling snow. Change tasks, stretch, and take frequent short breaks.
- Keep heavy loads such as ice melt - closer to your body when lifting. Use lift equipment when possible!

Incident Command

Essential Staff:

 Report if directed to and safe to do so. Reporting late or unable to come? Call Incident Command.



Check in and out with Incident Command at USB 101.

- Will be dispatched in teams of two
 - Do not self-dispatch!

Contact the Incident Commander:

- WCC Landline: 503-725-2349
- WCC iPhone: 503-432-9624

Both of these numbers are listed as "Work Control Center" in all FPM-issued iPhones.

