



Safety Tips

A five-minute training series for PCOs.

Winter Weather

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*Season's
Greetings
To All*

Winter weather will soon be upon us. With it come changes that can present additional workplace and vehicle hazards. These hazards not only create slippery roads and sidewalks, but also many other risks not present during other months of the year.

In areas where ice and snow are present, you must take extra precautions, such as driving slower, following at a greater distance, a stronger focus on where you are going and making sure that you are equipped for these dangerous conditions. Your vehicle should have proper tires and chains when necessary. You should also take more time to reach your destination. Upon arrival, greater attention needs to be paid to the condition of sidewalks, lawns, steps and other walking areas in order to avoid slips and falls on ice, water or other elements. If these conditions exist, are your shoes properly equipped to handle them? Are you wearing safety shoes in good condition? Do you have cleated straps for your shoes in case of ice?

Even in areas where ice and snow may not exist, other conditions are present that could cause accidents. It may not be cold enough to create ice and snow conditions. However, it could be cold enough to require motorists to have their windows up which would reduce the possibility of hearing traffic, approaching dangers, sirens, etc. Windows could be fogged up and other drivers may not see you coming.

In southern climates, winter presents a greater amount of vehicles, pedestrians and tourists, who may not be focused on traffic conditions.

Winter does present additional problems and we must increase our awareness or become another statistic.

