

LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOSSES

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- During the winter months, bad weather can have a serious impact on claims.
- A sound snow and ice management plan looks to remove snow and ice from all potential walking surfaces and incorporates continuous monitoring of these areas.
- Consider who is performing snow removal and whether they are capable of performing these actions safely.
- Pre-treat parking lots and sidewalks when snow or ice is expected.
- Pay particular attention to known trouble spots where water is known to puddle.
- Frequently inspect for proper lighting and drainage.
- Plan where to pile snow as subsequent melting-refreezing cycles can create icy patches.
- Discuss footwear with employees
- Provide a sufficient number of caution or wet floor signs in lobbies and other entrances.
- **Maintain heat and consider those colder areas of the building where heat may not easily reach as these areas are prone to pipe breaks**

Examples:

- Coils froze in HVAC unit in space above classrooms and water ran through 2 floors of school. Total repair costs were \$229,000
- Employee slipped on snow melt that refroze overnight severely fracturing ankle. Total costs = \$142,000