



SAFETY NOTICE

Snow and Ice Awareness

RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

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GUIDANCE FOR SNOW AND ICE AWARENESS

Slips, trips, and falls are the largest cause of injury at the University, especially during winter weather. Having an awareness of hazardous conditions due to ice and snow remains key to prevention of an injury.

TIPS ON WALKING SAFELY ON ICE AND SNOW

- Take shorter, more deliberate steps when walking on ice and snow.
- Hold on to the car door when entering and exiting the vehicle.
- Only use sidewalks that have had snow removed and have been treated for ice.
- Wear flat-soled shoes. Avoid shoes with heels.
- Contact Landscape Services at (574) 631-6537 to report areas that need attention. Call (574) 631-8888 to report an urgent need after hours.

PRODUCTS TO REDUCE RISK OF SLIPS ON ICE

- RMS recommends the use of products such as Yaktrax to reduce the risk of slips and falls on icy surfaces.
- Yaktrax and similar products are cleats that can be quickly attached to any flat-soled shoe (see photo below) to increase traction in icy conditions.
- These products are typically inexpensive to purchase and can be easily removed once inside a building.



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