



# Winter Precautions

Winter is approaching fast. This notice is to remind you to take extra precautions at this time of year to avoid slipping on snow and ice. We ask that you take responsibility for your safety and be very careful during this time of year. The following contains some tips:

## **WINTER CONDITIONS:**

- **Check out the weather report** before you leave your home for the day. During the winter, it is safest to assume that ALL surfaces will be slippery. Stay indoors if possible when you see snow and ice accumulations. If you must go outside, please **take your time** and tread slowly and carefully. Ice cleats on shoes/boots work well (in some conditions). Plan ahead. Take things to your vehicle the night before (or before the storm begins) if you suspect the items will be difficult to manage in the morning.
- If a snow or ice storm strikes during the night, try to alter your morning schedule. If possible, don't hurry out before plowing has been completed.
- **Be extra alert for and extremely careful of "black ice."** Also, check for ice before walking on the pavement, if you see snow on the ground or if you know that there was precipitation and the temperature was near or below freezing anytime during the day or night. Walking on snow-covered grass may be a safe approach.
- You may ask for a supply of **CALCIUM CHLORIDE** through the Management Office. Please provide a container (old cat litter container or large coffee canisters work well) and it will be filled by the maintenance staff. Keep a supply close at hand to use as you leave your home if you suspect there might be any icy spots. **SPREAD AS MUCH OF IT AS YOU NEED** over all areas that you suspect might be icy - for your own protection and that of your neighbors.
- Your snow removal contractor does a good job of shoveling and spreading ice melt chemicals, but after they leave, snow can thaw and then re-freeze. They cannot be here 24/7.
- No Association can guarantee anyone's safety in snow and ice. It is up to all to pitch in and to be careful. Everyone should (including your guests) recognize the danger of natural accumulations of snow and ice and proceed carefully and to be as helpful as possible.

## **UNEVEN CEMENT BLOCKS AND/OR FLAGSTONE:**

It is not unusual for blocks of cement to heave upward during freeze-thaw cycles during the winter. **Please be very careful when you walk and be alert to uneven pavement.** These blocks generally settle back down to a smooth transition once the freezing ends (spring). When blocks do heave, caution tape or cones can be placed to heighten awareness. If you note conditions such as this - please call 610-687-5675.

## **PROCEDURES:**

- Main roadways are the first priority
- Walkways will be cleared AFTER main roadways are cleared
- During significant snow fall, interim clearing will be accomplished. Walkways may take longer to be cleared due to significant snow fall
- After initial removal, crews will return to continue to clear roadways, parking areas, and walkways

You can reach Management/Maintenance at any hour by calling the office phone # 610-687-5675. If the office is not open, the answering service will take the call and contact the Manager or Maintenance.

## **VEHICLES:**

Community safety is the reason we ask you to move your car(s) from any parking areas so the plow can clear snow from the surface of the lots. We ask you cooperate in this endeavor - for your safety and that of your neighbors.

**YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED BY YOUR FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THANK YOU!**