

## Toolbox Talk for January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Cold Weather:

As I drove into work this morning the thermometer said 18 degrees, and the weather report shows the next couple of days being cold with snow and ice. So, since it is so cold I thought we should take a moment to consider a few things to as you begin work this week.

### Traveling to and from home:

- Watch for ice and snow on the road.
  - In the next few days, the forecast says we'll be getting more snow and probably ice as well. Even if you have a vehicle with all wheel drive, ice is not as easy to adjust for as snow is.
- Slow down and keep your distance.
- Watch for fallen trees and debris.
- Watch for downed power lines.
  - If a fallen power line drapes over your car. Don't try to get out. Call for help and stay in your car.
- Be careful on side streets. Debris is more likely to still be in the road.
- If the traffic lights are out at an intersection, treat it like a four way stop.

### While you work:

- Wear layers
  - Bundle up for the coldest part of the day and be prepared to remove layers as you warm up.
- Watch for icy patches where you enter our leave your jobsite.
  - Transitions from outside to inside and vice versa can be very dangerous.
  - Look out for smooth surfaces if you have wet or icy shoes.
- Keep power cords out of water and ice.

Check with your supervisor to see if your jobsite is open. If it's unsafe for you to travel, let your supervisor know and make a safe choice about coming in.



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