

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Parking Lot Hazards

### Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention



An employee had clocked out after his shift and was walking to his car in a the company parking lot. The employee took a shortcut through a median and slipped and fell on ice.

#### Tool Box Tips

1. Stay alert. Bad habits including laziness, carelessness and complacency result in injuries.
2. Make sure spills, obstructions, supplies and garbage are removed from walking surfaces.
3. Keep machine and equipment steps free of mud and ice buildups.
4. Scan walking areas ahead for any potential slip and trip hazards.
5. Be aware of parking lot hazards such as moving vehicles, trespassers, dark or poorly lit areas, potholes, vehicle debris, rocks, mud and ice.
6. Report parking lot lights that have stopped working and any areas that could use additional lighting.
7. Use a good quality flashlight to scan dark areas before entering.
8. Wear slip-on ice cleats during snow or icy conditions.
9. Watch out for curb stops, drain grates and concrete slabs that heave throughout the year.
10. Slow down when entering a building from the parking lot.
11. Prevent a slip or fall by making sure you use the three points of contact when getting in and out of equipment.
12. Consider walking on grass when sidewalks are slick.
13. Stay on designated cleared walking paths and sidewalks. Do not take shortcuts.
14. Provide ice melt around parking areas or building entrances for employees to use.

**Parking lots have many hidden hazards.**

**Be alert and scan your pathways first.**

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