

Stay safe: winter slips, trips and falls

By safely disposing of your liquid waste, you are helping to protect the natural environment. But it's important to protect yourself and others too.

During the winter months, accidents due to slips, trips and falls significantly increase.

Reduced daylight hours, falling leaves, icy surfaces and snow-covered pathways all increase the risk for falls and injury.

Follow these 10 tips to stay safe in snowy and icy conditions:

1. Take extra care when getting in and out of vehicles.
2. Watch out for black ice when walking.
3. Wear footwear with a suitable grip.
4. Walk slowly and take small steps - don't run and avoid sharp turns.
5. Keep your hands by your side when walking in case you slip.
6. Take extra caution when walking on steps and always use handrails.
7. Stay on maintained paths and avoid taking shortcuts.
8. Report spillage and where possible use grit to stop it icing over.
9. Watch out for snow covered trip hazards, road and footpath markings.
10. Remove snow and ice from your shoes when entering a building.

Ice warning signs

When entering our sites please pay attention to our ice-warning signs.

These will flash when the temperature drops to 3°C or below, warning of the increased risk of ground ice.

Remember

Always take notice of your surroundings and weather conditions.

Never assume access roads, paths and stairways have been gritted or salted.

If you notice dangerous areas requiring attention please report it.

