

# **Preventing Slips & Falls**

It's that time of year again. Leaves have fallen, frost may be covering the ground, and snow and ice will surely appear. With the winter months upon us, The Beacon Mutual Insurance Company and your employer urge you to keep the following safety precautions in mind when walking the grounds.

#### **Parking Lots**

When driving into a parking spot, be certain to observe the grounds to see if there are leaves, snow and/or ice. If



possible, try to park in an area that is clear. When opening your car door, look down at the ground to see what you will be stepping onto. If the ground appears to be slippery, hold onto your car for added stability and proceed with caution.

## Walkways & Steps

Walk slowly to the building and always use walkways. Do not walk across the grass or over snow mounds. Shorten your stride. Take extra time climbing or descending exterior steps...there may be a layer of thin ice waiting for you.



### **Be Alert**

Immediately report any icy conditions on walkways, stairs, parking lots and entrances to your supervisor.

Be alert for caution signs indicating potential slippery areas. To make certain that you are as safe as possible when entering the building, your employer will do their best to clear all walkways and parking lots of potential hazards.





Beacon Mutual offers a variety of training opportunities for employees, supervisors and managers. Please check our seminar schedule for more information. www.beaconmutual.com

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#### **Proper Footwear**

Always wear proper footwear to work that has deep treads to prevent slips and falls. You can always change into more comfortable shoes once you are safely in the building.

On behalf of Beacon Mutual and your employer, we wish you a safe winter season.

