



Winter Conditions, Black Ice & Slip/Fall Awareness

In this first issue of 2026, I want to address something that is very important and a subject that I care very much about for all of you. Winter weather presents increased hazards across all Choice Aviation Services operations. Snow, freezing temperatures, and **black ice** significantly raise the risk of slips, trips, and falls—especially on ramps, tarmacs, hangar floors, stairs, and parking areas. This bulletin serves as a reminder to stay alert, take preventive measures, and **seek medical attention promptly** when injuries occur. It is extremely important that you seek medical attention immediately.

Understanding the Risk: Black Ice

Black ice is a thin, nearly invisible layer of ice that forms when moisture freezes on cold surfaces. It is especially dangerous because it:

- Blends into pavement and concrete
- Forms overnight, at dawn, or in shaded areas
- Develops near hangar doors, drains, aircraft, fuel trucks, and walkways

Assume any wet or dark surface in freezing temperatures may be icy.

SLIP, TRIP & FALL PREVENTION

All employees are expected to take the following precautions:

Before You Move

- Wear approved slip-resistant, insulated footwear
- Walk—never run—on ramps and walkways
- Use handrails on stairs whenever available

While Working

- Take short, deliberate steps (“penguin walk”)
- Keep hands free to maintain balance
- Avoid carrying loads that block your view
- Be cautious near aircraft wings, stairs, hoses, and cords

Environmental Awareness

- Watch for icy patches near doors, hangar thresholds, and shaded areas
- Report icy conditions immediately to a supervisor
- Use designated walk paths when available



Supervisors should ensure ice melt, sand, or de-icing materials are applied as conditions require.

If a Slip or Fall Occurs

Even a minor fall can cause injuries that are not immediately apparent.

If you slip or fall:

- Stop work immediately
- Notify your supervisor as soon as possible
- Complete an incident report according to company policy

Seek medical attention if you experience:

- Head impact or dizziness
- Pain, swelling, bruising, abrasions, or limited movement
- Numbness, tingling, or persistent soreness
- Any uncertainty about your condition
- **Do not “walk it off.” Early medical evaluations help prevent long-term, potentially life threatening or serious injuries, and ensures proper documentation.**

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Truck Dock & Forklift Safety Word Search ANSWERS

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Everyone's Responsibility

Safety during winter conditions depends on individual awareness and teamwork. Look out for coworkers, report hazards promptly, and take the time needed to move safely.

Remember, stay alert and stay safe.