

VSBIT's Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program



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TO: VSBIT Multi-Line Members

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RE: Preventing slip and fall losses

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With the advent of the winter season, the Multi-Line program has experienced a high number of Workers' Compensation claims arising out of slips and falls on ice/snow. Although a certain number of these types of incidents are unavoidable, our experience shows a good number of these claims could have been prevented by proper sanding of parking lots and/or an increased awareness by employees of the dangers posed by walking on ice/snow.

Sand is the best way to combat the dangers of icy parking areas. Please review with your maintenance staff or contractor the need to sand parking (or other areas) that serve as a means to get from an employee/visitor's car to the school building. Several reported injuries have been relatively severe (sprains, broken bones etc.).

Also, please advise your maintenance staff to keep up the excellent work in eliminating ice/snow from school entrance/exits. Experience to date shows that due diligence is being given to this task. Good job!

In an effort to help raise awareness in the school community to the Slip and Fall danger, we have developed the enclosed poster detailing why slips occur and how they can be prevented. We suggest that a poster be placed near each major school entrance/exit. If you would like additional posters, please let me know and I will be happy to provide them.

Thank you for your efforts.