

Winter Slips, Trips & Falls

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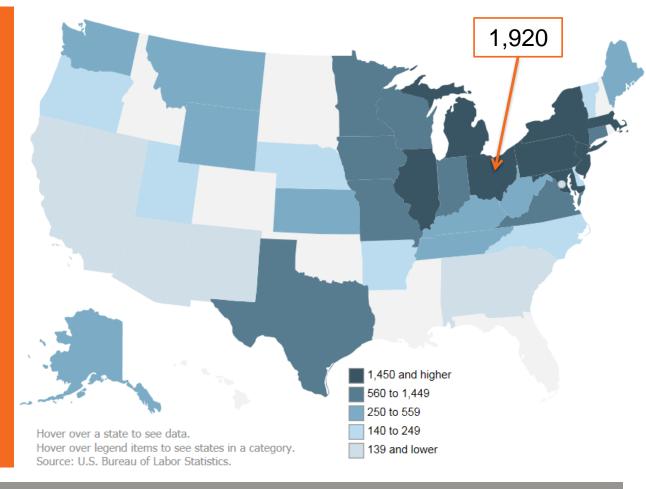


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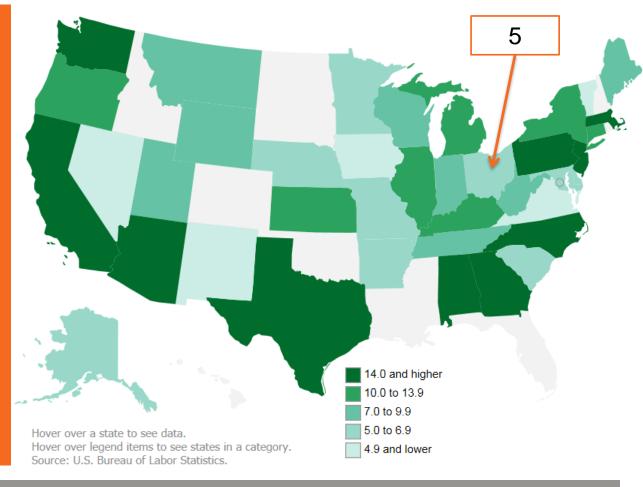
- Safety Stats
- Keeping Your Workplace Safe
- Fall Prevention Program
- Employee Training



2014 Same Level Falls Involving Ice, Sleet or Snow



2014
Median
Days Away
From Work
to Recover



2014 – 2015 Snowiest Cities

- Syracuse, NY 117.1"
- o Worchester, MA − 115.6"
- Buffalo, NY 109.3"
- Boston, MA 108.6"
- o Erie, PA − 104"
- Rochester, NY 96.3"
- South Bend, IN 79.2"
- Grand Rapids, MI 77.9"
- o Providence, RI − 73.5"
- Manchester, NH 69.7"



Keeping Your Workplace Safe

Pre-Winter Weather

Gather tools and supplies early

Provide good lighting

Identify clear walking paths

Apply slip-resistant floor treatment

During Inclement Weather

Monitor the weather

Deploy workers to maintain walkways

Keep interior walkways dry

During Inclement Weather

Drop off zones

 Identify changes in elevation

Shovel safely







Fall Prevention Program

Inspection criteria

General Sections



Winter Weather Sections

Outline Maintenance Response

Winter weather response

Housekeeping expectations

Cold Stress Plan



Employee Training

When Outside

Wear boots with non-skid soles

Try not to carry too much

Wear sunglasses during the daytime

Use care entering/exiting vehicles

Entering Buildings

Remove snow and water

Take notice of floors and stairs

Walk carefully

Cold Stress for Outside Workers

- Four factors contribute to cold stress:
 - Cold air temperatures,
 - High velocity air movement,
 - Dampness of the air,
 - Contact with cold water or surfaces.

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