



SAFETY TALK

Snow removal/clearing

Snow removal is an important service we complete for our communities, and with unpredictable weather, snow removal operations can begin at any time.

What's the danger?

Snow storms make the roads hazardous, creating an environment that is more likely to cause an incident. If you are in a collision it may be more difficult for emergency services to locate you.

Cold weather can affect your machines and cause a breakdown, leaving you stranded in dangerous conditions, leading to hypothermia.

Pedestrians and vehicles can seem to come out of nowhere. If you're not paying attention, an accident can occur.

How to protect yourself

Being prepared is the best way to protect yourself while removing snow.

- Be prepared for the cold and dress appropriately
- Monitor the weather frequently and pay attention to hazardous conditions that may develop

- Use your company's working alone plan so someone knows the route you are taking and when you will return
- Always inspect your equipment to ensure everything is functioning properly
- Keep your machine off the road whenever possible
- Clean and adjust your mirrors for best visibility
- Always test the back-up alarm before moving your machine and sound your horn before backing up
- Use signs, reflectors and high-visibility clothing to warn coming traffic if you're working near a roadway
- Stay alert and know your surroundings

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Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Performed by: _____

Location: _____

Concerns: _____

Corrective Actions: _____

Employee Name: _____

Employee Signature: _____

