Preparing Your Organization for Winter

Management leads an organization and employees in every facet of operations and services provided for patient care. Recognizing risk management challenges that could adversely impact the business and creating plans to mitigate loss is just another aspect to management’s responsibility.

During United Heartland’s WalkSafe Campaign, we encourage you to think about how best to prepare your business for the winter season. There are a variety of important items that need to be completed before the first snow fall.
These include:
  • Reviewing snow and ice removal procedures
  • Hiring a snow removal and surface treatment contractor
  • Preparing and tuning snow removal equipment
  • Preparing and placing salt spreading containers
  • Updating housekeeping and facility inspection procedures
  • Obtaining entryway mats and housekeeping supplies
  • Educating home health care employees on how to stay safe while they travel
  • Having prompt and thorough accident investigation procedures

Utilize UH Tools

Our Walksafe campaign includes regular communications about how to reduce slip and fall exposures. Each phase will have several useful resources and materials for you to use. We encourage your organization to consider how this information can best be utilized and distributed to other departments and employees.

Many of the resources offered will require some level of action on the part of designated individual(s) or teams. This may involve creating a committee, hiring a snow removal contractor, or hanging a slip and fall awareness poster. Whatever the action may be, it is important the key activities be outlined, person(s) assigned and goal dates for completion established.

At any time during the campaign, we encourage you to visit UnitedHeartland.com/walksafe or contact your UH Loss Control representative for more information.