

GROUNDS / MOVERS  
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REMOVING SNOW		
Activity	Hazard Identification	Required Precautions
1. Driving to and from work site.	1. Motor vehicle accident; striking pedestrians, bicyclists, or persons using rollerblades.	1. Wear prescription lenses, if required, and seatbelt. Verify that all equipment on vehicle is secured properly. Stay alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons using rollerblades.
2. Working in extremely cold weather.	2. Frostbite; hypothermia.	2. Wear proper protective clothing: thermal underclothing, warm coat, face mask, hat, gloves, eye protection, and waterproof shoes. Take breaks as needed in truck or buildings to warm up.
3. Attaching snowplow to truck.	3a. Back strain; overexertion from lifting heavy weight.	3a. Use prybars to lift plow. Know your weight lifting capacity and get help if needed. Lift using leg muscles. Keep back straight. Use two people to attach plow.
	3b. Splashed/squirted with hydraulic fluid.	3b. Inspect hydraulic lines and replace if necessary. Secure connections. Wear safety glasses.
	3c. Dismemberment.	3c. Before attaching chain to plow, verify that no one is near controls. Make sure you communicate with the operator of the truck.
	3d. Struck by plow.	3d. Stand back a safe distance when operator is testing the plow.
4. Plowing snow.	4a. Motor vehicle accident.	4a. Drive slowly according to road conditions. Install chains when necessary. Clean off windshields properly. Verify that wiper fluids are full and that defroster and heater work. Make sure yellow safety lights work. Use lights whenever you operate vehicle.
	4b. Fatigue causing accident.	4b. Take breaks/walks as needed in fresh air to remain alert. Pull over and rest when necessary.
	4c. Striking snow-covered	4c. Be aware of possible

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	objects.	obstacles in area being plowed. Stay alert.
5. Working in area of pedestrian traffic.	5. Striking pedestrians with vehicle; shooting salt or sand at pedestrians.	5. Make sure pedestrians are at least 10' from truck. Travel at a safe speed so you can stop when necessary. Stop vehicle if pedestrians are in a dangerous location.
6. Using digging bar or ice chopper to break up ice.	6a. Hitting foot; chopping off toe.	6a. Be aware of where you are hitting. Keep your legs spread. Wear steel-toed boots with good treads.
	6b. Back strain; shoulder strain.	6b. Do not overexert yourself.
	6c. Blisters on hands.	6c. Wear gloves.
	6d. Ice chips flying into eyes.	6d. Wear safety glasses.
	6e. Slipping on ice.	6e. Wear waterproof boots with good treads.
7. Shoveling snow.	7a. Back strain; shoulder strain.	7a. Do not overexert yourself.
	7b. Blisters on hands.	7b. Wear gloves.
	7c. Ice chips flying into eyes.	7c. Wear safety glasses.
	7d. Slipping.	7d. Wear waterproof boots with good treads.
	7e. Slipping on stairs; striking head.	7e. Stay alert. Wear boots with good treads.
8. Spreading out salt and sand using buckets.	8a. Slipping, especially while going up and down steps.	8a. Wear boots with good treads. Walk slowly and carefully to maintain footing.
	8b. Salt/sand on skin and in eyes.	8b. Wear gloves and safety glasses. Do not throw into the wind.
	8c. Back/shoulder strain.	8c. Do not overexert yourself.