

Safety Tip!

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January's Tip: Winter Weather Safety

Winter is here and ice, snow, freezing rain, and slush can all make for unsafe walking and driving conditions. Keep these tips in mind as you travel around campus this winter:

Walking on Campus

- Choose footwear that's weather-appropriate – shoes with good treads for ice and snow, or shoes that are waterproof for freezing rain or slush.
- Move slowly and deliberately. Take your time and don't rush.
- Walk on the sidewalks – do not walk on unplowed pathways.
- Be careful on steps, stairs, and slopes. Use handrails when available.
- Watch where you're going – avoid spots that look slippery or wet.
- Take extra caution with these areas as they may freeze first: walkways in the shade, walkways exposed to heavy winds, bridges.

Driving Golf Carts and Cars on Campus

- Give yourself extra time to get where you're going.
- Drive at a speed that is safe for the weather conditions – remember that the campus speed limit in *good* weather is 15MPH for cars and 10MPH for golf carts.
- Take turns slowly.
- Do not drive on or park in areas that are icy or covered in snow.
- Give yourself extra time to brake.
- Give yourself extra room to maneuver through turns and to back up.
- Take caution pulling out in areas where piled snow has reduced visibility and lines of sight.

You can see more winter weather tips at the Beacon Mutual website:
“Preventing Slips and Falls”

<http://www.beaconmutual.com/Documents/SA.18.04.01.pdf>