
Staying Safe During Inclement Weather

With California in the midst of a record drought, most communities would welcome any rain. While rain can help deliver much needed water to our region, it can also bring its own unique set of concerns and challenges. Following a few safety tips may help prevent injuries:

- ✓ Wear shoes that provide traction: rubber or neoprene composite. Avoid plastic or leather soles.
- ✓ Plan ahead. Know your route and give yourself time to get there.
- ✓ Walk in designated walkways when available:
 - Take small steps
 - Walk slowly and never run
 - Look ahead where you are going
 - Keep hands free for balance
 - Avoid carrying loads
- ✓ If a walkway is wet or flooded, report it immediately and use an alternate route if possible.
- ✓ Notify the site administration and maintenance departments if you have any areas onsite where water accumulates during heavy rainfall.
- ✓ When entering buildings, remove water from footwear to prevent slippery surfaces indoors.
- ✓ Consider placing non-slip mats in building entrances and high traffic areas and have a receptacle available where wet umbrellas can be placed.
- ✓ Slow down when transitioning from one flooring type to another (e.g., carpet to tile).
- ✓ Report any signs or evidence of interior water or weather-related damage to the Maintenance and Operations staff.
- ✓ If you must use electrical tools and equipment, ensure that they are rated for outside use, free of defects, and are in good overall condition.
- ✓ When driving or operating District vehicles:
 - Plan and prepare before you get behind the wheel.
 - Eliminate distractions.
 - Slow down – it will take longer to stop in wet conditions.
 - Stay toward the middle lanes – water tends to pool in the outside lanes.
 - Step - don't jump out of vehicles.

Safety is everyone's responsibility.
