

WORKER FALL FROM SAME LEVEL INJURY

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DESCRIPTION:

In a Calgary facility parking lot, a worker left for lunch and was brushing snow off the car before driving. While moving around the vehicle, the worker slipped on some ice, twisted a knee and fell. The worker sustained an injury to a knee ligament.



CAUSE OF INJURY OR LOSS:

A layer of snow had fallen over the ice, making the slippery conditions difficult to identify.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- Poor housekeeping (lack of ice and snow controls)
- Lack of awareness of the hazard (icy conditions)
- Footwear with poor traction that did not grip on ice

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

- Review the snow removal contract to ensure triggers are in place for timely snow and ice removal
- Make ice melt available and encourage employees to use it on walkways when they detect icy conditions
- Implement an internal reporting mechanism so the facility operator is notified of icy conditions