



January Safety Info

- COVID — Wear Mask — Keep Your Distance — Get Booster
- More COVID: What are the Lessons We Need to Learn and Practice From the Pandemic?
- It's Been an Amazing Nuclear Winter... and it Just Started.
- Drive Alertly and Drive Defensively
- 2022 Emphasis: Let's Report and Discuss Close Calls
- Start the Year With an Overview of 'All Things Safety'

COVID: WHAT ARE THE LESSONS WE NEED TO LEARN AND PRACTICE FROM THE PANDEMIC?

- Multiple lessons learned in this pandemic — take them to heart!
- Industrial hygiene, public health, safety, social, personal, etc.
- Plan for the future — this may not be the last epidemic in our lifetime
- Lessons Learned — short memory deficit — keep remembering your lessons!
- Face Covering — Indoor Air Quality — Learn principles of air filtration & ventilation, etc.
- Sanitation practices; detergent and surfactants, basic chemistry of hand washing & surface cleaning, etc.

AN AMAZING NUCLEAR WINTER... AND BARELY STARTED!

- Avoid travel on interstate when it's snowing – who would have guessed? (This was entirely predictable...)
- This winter extreme weather will probably translate into summer extremes
- Heat is harder to endure than cold. For life forms, nature and infrastructure.
- Adaption is difficult. Acclimatization is limited. Just ask any glacier.
- Practical tips for cold weather: eye protection; face covering; cold air is dry.

Stay hydrated year round; your natural defense mechanism

DRIVE ALERTLY • DRIVE DEFENSIVELY

Our employees are SAFE drivers only as long as we remember the basic principles. Remember: COMPLACENCY can and does offset proficiency.

DO NOT PRACTICE: Inattention, distraction, failure to anticipate, ignore warning signs, etc.

CONSTANTLY WATCH OUT FOR: Distracted or impaired drivers; deer season; snow/ice/water; equipment; drainage; etc.

Basically, defensive driving is a complex equation, constantly changing: We are the 'mathematicians' to solve the equation for X

2022 EMPHASIS: REPORT AND DISCUSS CLOSE CALLS

- THE basic risk management formula is: frequency of occurrence X severity of consequence = severity of RISK
- **High risk activity** requires: planning, training, equipment, supervision, etc. The only way we can know the risks you see are by you reporting them. REPORT ALL CLOSE CALLS!
- To reduce our risk in the entire company we need everyone to assess any and all risks you spot in your work area; during sweeping operations; in any of your other work zones.
- If the risks are associated with specific client properties we can provide them with safety guidance; we don't need an actual accident or injury before doing that!

LET'S START THE YEAR WITH AN OVERVIEW OF “ALL THINGS SAFETY”

- **Ergonomics** – always keep in mind this factor that governs all human activity – driving, sleeping, eating, walking, lifting, etc. Focus on doing all activities in the ‘correct way.’
- **Seasonal Factors** – As the seasons change, make sure you have the right footwear — work attire — gloves & any other hand protection — PPE, etc.
- **Watch out for** – fatigue – snow issues – fleet maintenance issues – no overweight in truck – tires – hydroplaning possibility in wet weather
- **Finally:** What we learn about SAFETY at WORK, needs to be filtered & transposed for Safety at HOME. Keep your families safe by transmitting the safety lessons you learn on the job!