



## Keep on top of your yard

Winter weather is brutal. Not just on the roads and to the load, but also on your yard. Heavy rains wash away top soil and cause depressions in the ground. Freeze can damage black top and cement. The combination creates potholes and loose rocks or chunks of asphalt. Many slip, trip and fall injuries occur around the yard during this time of year due to lack of lighting, debris or the combination. It is vitally important to stay on top of yard maintenance during the winter months.



Find it



Mark it



Fix it

### Employers

- Develop a system to report and address yard issues.
- Have a snow and ice removal plan for your yard or terminal.
- Assign a manager and non-manager to do weekly or monthly visual sweeps of the yard looking for hazards that need to be addressed.
- Maintain the lighting in your yard.
- Fill potholes and keep the yard debris-free.
- Develop walking paths and require usage to keep pedestrians out of the way of trucks and forklifts.
- Provide headlamps and reflective clothing.

### Workers

- Look twice before exiting your cab for weather or debris related hazards on the stairs or ground.
- Carry a headlamp with you for stops with inadequately lighting.
- Wear reflective clothing when outside the truck.
- Keep footwear with extra traction in your truck and change into it before exiting the cab.
- Use walking paths to stay out of the path of other vehicles.
- Be vigilant at all times looking for unexpected hazards.
- Report any hazards to the yard manager.
- Don't exceed posted yard speeds.