LCS PROJECT SOLUTIONS | SAFETY BULLETIN

Winter Weather & Site Safety

Prepare your site. Protect your people.

PREPARING FOR WINTER WORKING

Winter brings additional challenges to construction sites, with shorter daylight hours, colder temperatures and unpredictable weather increasing the risk of accidents and disruption. Poor visibility, slippery surfaces and freezing conditions can affect both worker safety and site operations. Taking a proactive approach to winter planning, reviewing risks and putting appropriate precautions in place can help keep sites safe and operational throughout the colder months.

KEY WINTER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Lighting & visibility

Ensure work areas, access routes and walkways are adequately lit. Check temporary lighting regularly and wear suitable high-visibility clothing, particularly around moving vehicles and machinery.

Slips & falls

Keep walkways and access points clear of ice, snow, standing water and wet leaves. Inspect regularly and apply grit or salt where needed to reduce the risk of slips and falls.

Cold weather wellbeing

Wear suitable waterproof and insulated clothing, including appropriate footwear. Provide access to warm welfare facilities and regular breaks to help protect workers from prolonged cold exposure.

Plant & vehicles

Check machinery and vehicles are suitable for cold weather conditions, including antifreeze levels where applicable. Take extra care when manoeuvring in poor visibility or on slippery surfaces.

Welfare & frost protection

Insulate exposed pipes and protect vulnerable water supplies from freezing. Monitor welfare accommodation temperatures and ensure facilities remain warm, accessible and operational.

Heating & fire safety

Use suitable, properly maintained heating equipment and keep heaters away from combustible materials. Check fire precautions are in place and never leave unsafe heating arrangements unattended.