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RISK MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO: MMIA Member Cities & Towns

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FROM: Thom Danenhower, Risk Management Specialist

RE: Slip and Fall Prevention

Nearly half of our new workers' compensation claims last month were slips and falls on ice. All of our members need to revisit winter safety and providing employees equipment and training to avoid slips and falls on ice. With our warmer winter climate changes it seems we have more storms that start with rain that freezes and becomes snow covered and warm up periods that cause water to puddle and then re-freeze. Falls are highly preventable. Some of our MMIA members have started providing rubber slip-on cleats to employees and have had great success in reducing wintertime slip and fall claims among employees. It is even a good idea to keep a box of "loaner" slip-on cleats proximal to the front door so staff making trips or having to get across an icy parking lot to go home can use them and prevent a potential slip/fall. Cleats can be found locally or check out the companies listed below:

- www.DueNorthProducts.com (800)722-3668
- www.utilitysafeguard.com/Safety/Ice-Traction item number 6300EG. These are called Ergodyne Trex Ice Traction cleats.
- www.dryguy.net are pictured below and usually are priced less than \$20 per pair.



If you would like more information regarding fall prevention slip-on cleats please contact Thom Danenhower, tdanenhower@mmia.net or (800) 635-3089.