



TOIRMA Update

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Fall and Winter — Risk Reminders

FOOTBALL SEASON is in full swing, the leaves are falling, and believe or not, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Where did 2017 go? To say it went by quickly would be an understatement. We've had a township election, and sworn-in new and veteran officials just in the past few months. The TOIRMA Team has enjoyed participating in training sessions throughout the state put on by the Township Officials of Illinois, Illinois Department of Transportation, Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois, regional highway commissioner associations, county associations, Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers, and Township Supervisors of Illinois. These sessions coupled with individual visits, and loss control meetings accentuate what a busy year it has been. As we move into the holiday season (fall and winter), please keep in-mind TOIRMA's *Risk Reminders* emphasizing workplace safety.

TOIRMA began offering our one-page *Risk Reminders* in October of last year. These concise easy-to-read documents are a wonderful tool available to TOIRMA Members on our website, www.toirma.org. We encourage townships and road districts to print *Risk Reminders* and provide them to your employees individually, and to also post them on office bulletin boards and/or in employee gathering spaces.


There are presently over 160 *Risk Reminders* available and we are continuing to add more. *Risk Reminders* that may be helpful in the coming months include: *Farm & Harvest Season Safety*, *Fall Fire Safety*, *Cold Stress Equation*, *The Hazards of Cold*, *Snow Plow Safety Checklist*, and *Don't Let Safety Take the Holiday Off*, among others.

Please take a moment and review our *Risk Reminders*. We are confident that you will find them helpful in keeping your employees and workplace safe.

We hope to see you at TOI's upcoming Annual Educational Conference in Springfield, November 12-14 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Thank you for your help. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me toll-free at (888) 562-7861 or by email at jdonelan@toirma.org.



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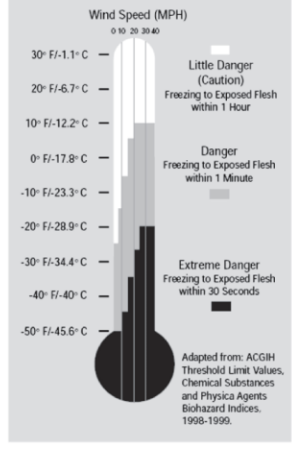
RISK REMINDER

THE COLD STRESS EQUATION

LOW TEMPERATURE + WIND SPEED + WETNESS = INJURIES & ILLNESS

When the body is unable to warm itself, serious cold related illnesses and injuries may occur, and permanent tissue damage and death may result.

Hypothermia can occur when land temperatures are above freezing or water temperatures are below 98.6°F/37°C. Cold related illnesses can slowly overcome a person who has been chilled by low temperatures, brisk winds, or wet clothing.



Wind Speed (MPH)
0 10 20 30 40

30° F/-1.1° C Little Danger (Caution)
Freezing to Exposed Flesh within 1 Hour

20° F/-6.7° C

10° F/-12.2° C

0° F/-17.8° C Danger
Freezing to Exposed Flesh within 1 Minute

-10° F/-23.3° C

-20° F/-28.9° C

-30° F/-34.4° C

-40° F/-40° C

-50° F/-45.6° C Extreme Danger
Freezing to Exposed Flesh within 30 Seconds

Adapted from: ACGIH Threshold Limit Values, Chemical Substances and Physical Agents Biohazard Indices, 1998-1999.

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA 3156 2/98

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