

Staying Safe during the Rainy Season

The rainy season is upon us once again. While we appreciate the rain and what it can do for the valley, precautions should be taken to ensure safety for you and you co-workers.

Below, you will find safety tips on *Staying Safe during the Rainy Season*:

Slips & Falls

- Wear appropriate footwear with solid support and slip resistant soles.
- Don't be in a hurry; avoid slipping on wet sidewalks or walkways by taking slow, short steps.
- Avoid walking through puddles no matter how shallow they appear.
- Avoid using wet stairs; use the elevator during the rainy season.
- If you do use the stairs, never walk the stairs with your hands in your pockets, and always use the handrails.
- Be alert to water that may be tracked in around doorways; be a leader in safety by cleaning up wet hazards.
- Make sure that there are entry matt's in the doorways so workers can dry their feet before entering.

While Driving

- Give yourself more time for heavy traffic due to rain.
- Obey the speed limit and drive slower in the rain; the roads are very slick when wet!
- Maintain an extra distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Make sure that the windshield wipers are in proper working order; change the wiper blades before the rainy season arrives.
- Make sure that the defroster is in proper working order; keep the dash clear so as to not block the defroster.
- Turn on your headlights while driving during rainy weather.
- Do not drive around road barricades; they are there for your safety, the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Avoid driving into flooded areas; if your vehicle stalls in rapidly rising floodwaters, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground.

When we share the responsibility for safety in the workplace, everyone wins!!