



Safety Net(work)

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Safety Spotlight:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Five Minutes for Safety:

Get Smart About Antibiotics Week

Quote of the Month:

“For fast acting relief, try slowing down.”

-Lily Tomlin

Workers Comp

Claims	Claims
<u>FY20 YTD</u>	<u>FY21 YTD</u>
935	636
Lost Time	Lost Time
<u>FY20 YTD</u>	<u>FY21 YTD</u>
210	161



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WALK LIKE A PENGUIN TIME

Slips, trips and falls are one of the leading causes of injury each year for State of Wisconsin employees. Historically, the highest months of injury frequency tends to be during the winter season – November through April. Figure 1 shown below depicts the total number of slip, trip and fall workers compensation claims, by month, over the past five fiscal years. Figure 2 shown below illustrates the total number of slippery surface, ice, water, grease workers compensation claims, by month, over the past five fiscal years.

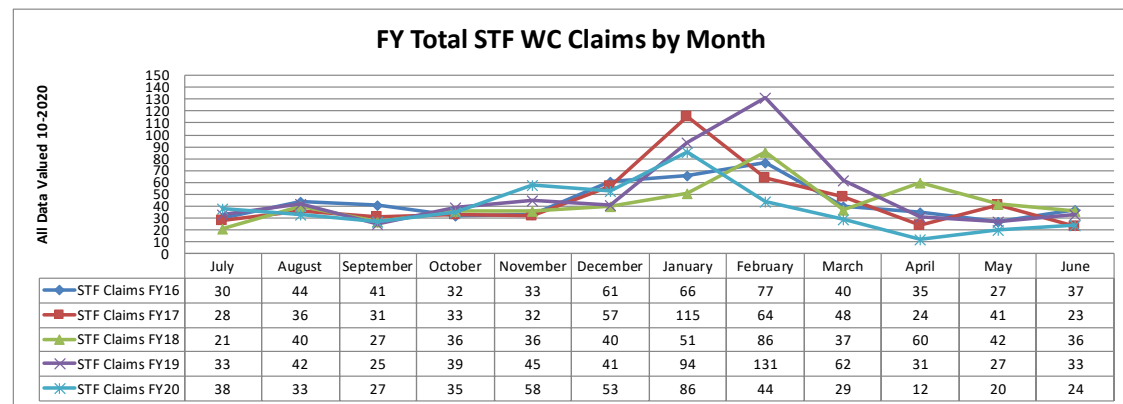


Figure 1

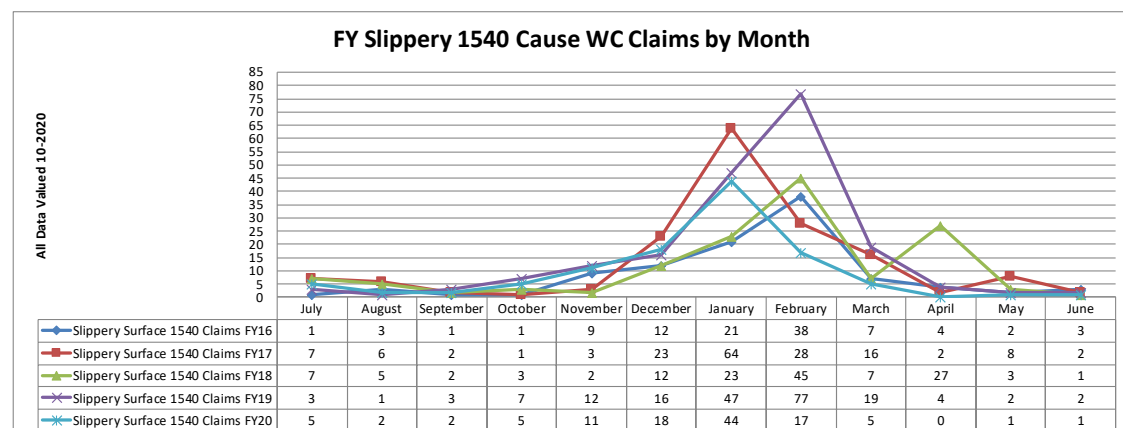


Figure 2

Consumer Safety

United States Consumer
Product Safety Commission

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PREVENTING WINTER FALLS

What footwear will you
be wearing this winter?

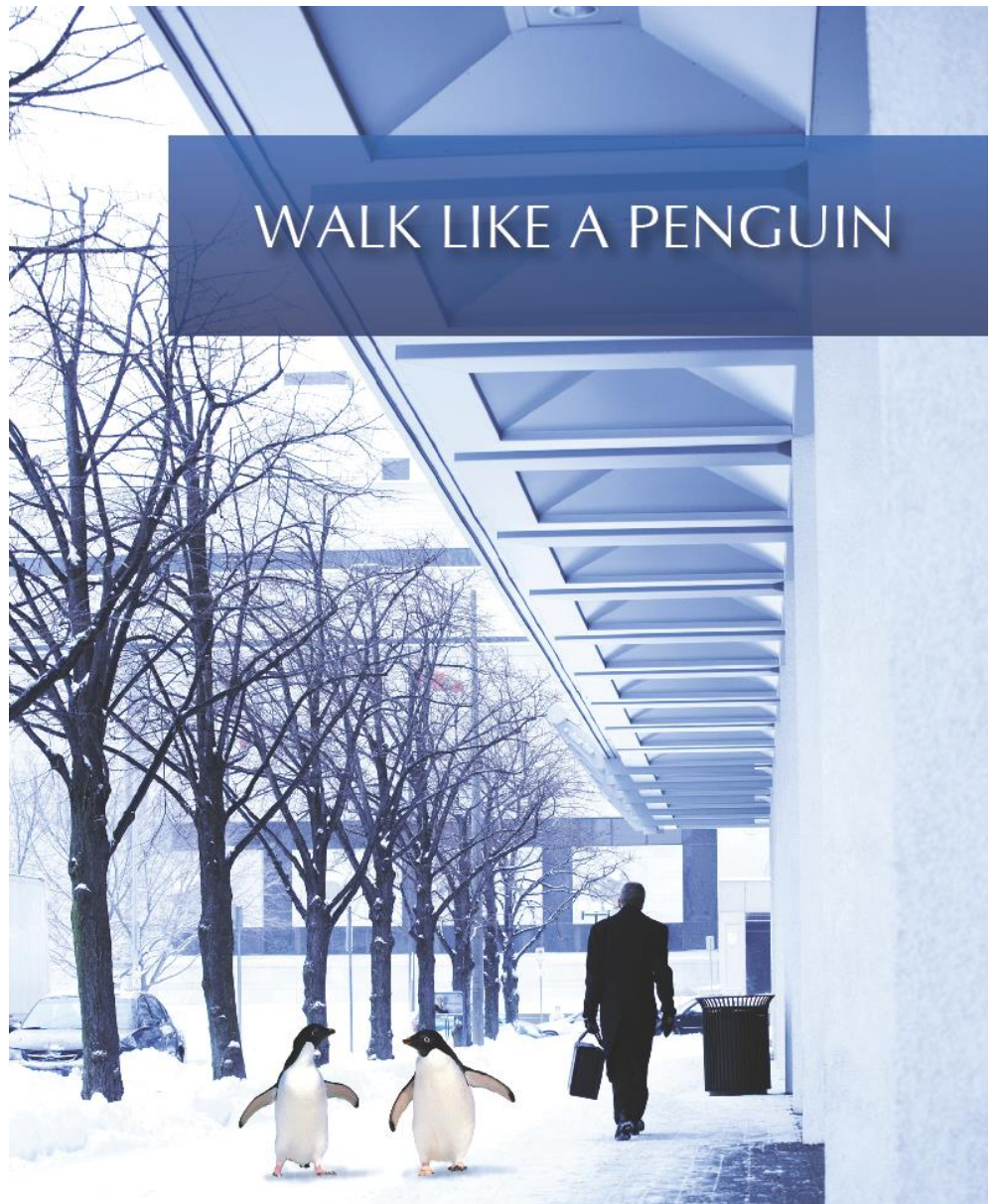


Preparation:

- Plan ahead giving yourself enough time
- Wear appropriate footwear that provides traction
- Limit what you carry to provide better balance

Action:

- Use designated walkways and avoid taking shortcuts
- When walking on steps, always use hand railings and plant feet firmly on each step
- Look out for black ice, especially early morning and in areas shaded from the sun
- Immediately report any unsafe conditions to Buildings and Grounds
- [Communicate awareness tips](#) (STF Prevention Manual Ctrl Click Hyperlink):



WALK LIKE A PENGUIN

Wildlife Crossing: AAA Tips to Avoid Animal- Vehicle Collisions

(Ctrl click hyperlinked image below to
enlarge)

What to Do If an Animal Runs in Front of You

In rural and forested regions, wild animals are a serious traffic problem. Here are AAA's tips to reduce the likelihood of being involved in a crash when an animal inadvertently runs in front of your vehicle:

- Scan the road and shoulders ahead of you.
- Use high beam headlights if there's no oncoming traffic.
- If a collision is unavoidable, apply the brakes firmly and remain in your lane.
- Be extra cautious at dawn and dusk.
- Drivers should always wear a seat belt and remain awake, alert and sober.



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AAA.com

- Point arms down at an angle and feet slightly outward
- Keep knees slightly bent
- Take slow short steps or shuffle to increase traction