



Safety Net(work)

Produced by Department of Administration Bureau of State Risk Management

November 2021
Volume 8, Number 11

Safety Spotlight:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Five Minutes for Safety:

Get Smart About Antibiotics Week

Quote of the Month:

“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.”

-Dr. Seuss

Workers Comp

Claims	Claims
<u>FY21 YTD</u>	<u>FY22 YTD</u>
697	769
Lost Time	Lost Time
<u>FY21 YTD</u>	<u>FY22 YTD</u>
188	178



In This Issue:
Walk Like a Penguin Time
Preventing Winter Falls

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. Over the past five fiscal years (FY17-21), State of Wisconsin employees sustained over 350 winter related slip and fall injuries resulting in over eight million dollars paid in direct workers compensation losses to date. 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.

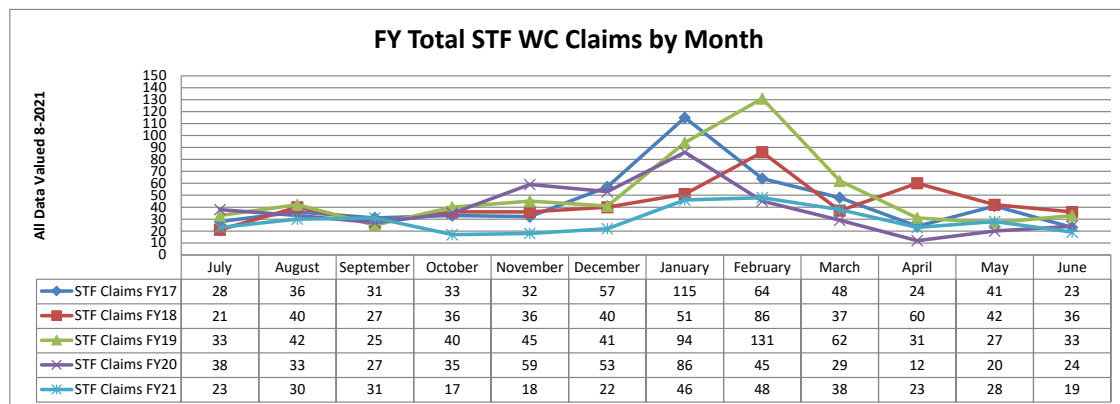


Figure 1

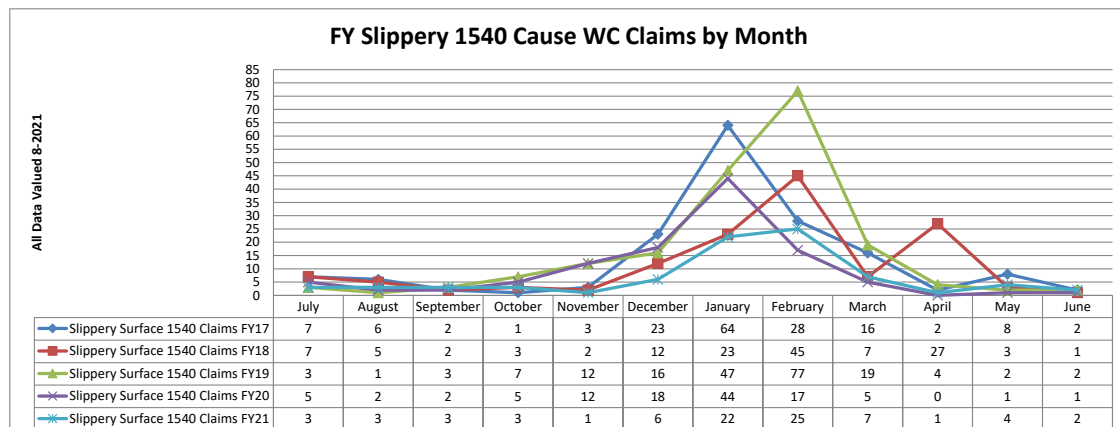


Figure 2

Consumer Safety

United States Consumer
Product Safety Commission

Contact Us

<https://doa.wi.gov>

E-Mail

Jake.Lowell@Wisconsin.gov

PREVENTING WINTER FALLS

During the winter months, it is extremely important to be prepared for the elements.



Preparation:

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

Action:

- Walk slowly with short strides or shuffles, keeping hands free
- Use designated (treated) walkways and avoid taking shortcuts
- When walking on steps, always use hand railings and plant feet firmly on each step
- Avoid black ice, especially be on the lookout during the early morning and in areas shaded from the sun
- Immediately report any unsafe conditions to Buildings and Grounds including hazardous parking lot conditions and water on hard floors/entrances
- [Communicate awareness tips](#) (STF Prevention Manual Ctrl Click Hyperlink):

Three Points of Contact Rule: Exiting Vehicle

(Ctrl click hyperlinked image below to enlarge)



At Iowa State University ...

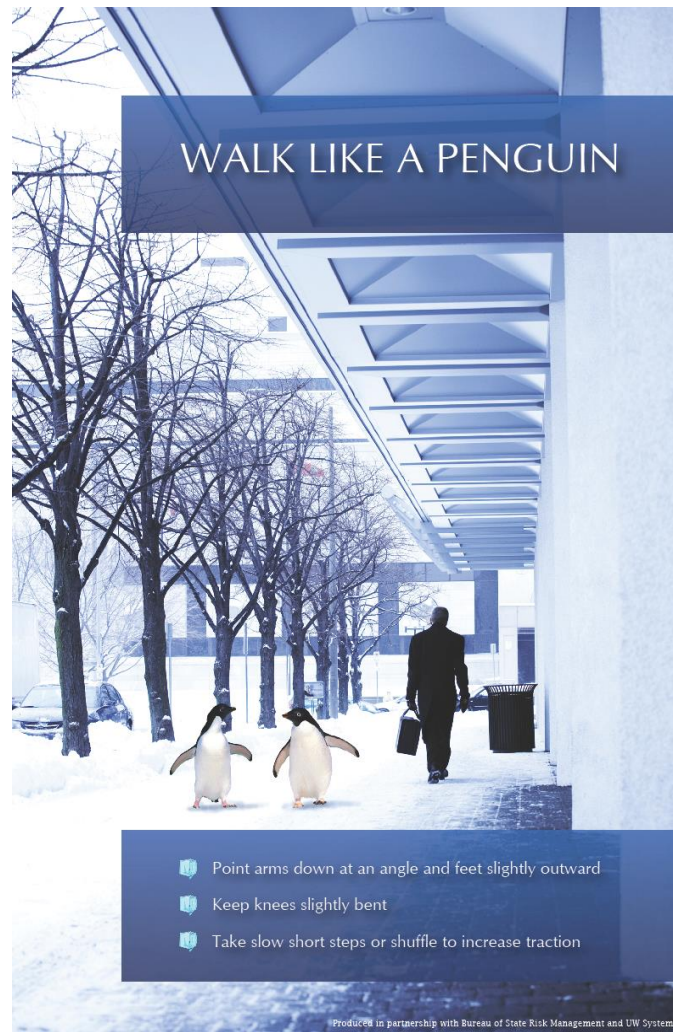
One third of slip and fall injuries on ice occurred in parking lots.

Walking during the winter requires special attention to avoid slipping and falling. The National Safety Council estimates that falls cause more than 1,500 deaths and 300,000 injuries per year.



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Environmental Health and Safety

Copyright © 2018 Iowa State University. All Rights Reserved.



Safest stride when walking on slippery surfaces