

## Winter Weather Safety Walking on Ice or Snow

In cold temperatures, approach with caution and assume that all wet, dark areas on pavements are slippery and icy.



travel along its grassy edge for traction.

- \* Point your feet out slightly like a penguin! Spreading your feet out slightly while walking on ice increases your center of gravity.
- \* Bend slightly and walk flat-footed with your center of gravity directly over the feet as much as possible.
- \* Extend your arms out to your sides to maintain balance.
- \* Keep your hands out of your pockets. Hands in your pockets while walking decreases your center of gravity and balance. You can help break your fall with your hands free if you do start to slip.
- \* Watch where you are stepping and ... GO SLOWLY!
- \* Take short steps or shuffle for stability.
- \* Try to avoid landing on your knees, wrists, or spine. If you do start to fall try to tuck and roll or fall on a fleshy part of your body.

- \* During bad weather, avoid boots or shoes with smooth soles and heels. Instead, wear shoes or boots that provide traction on snow and ice; boots made of non-slip rubber or neoprene with grooved soles are best.
- \* Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles; use the vehicle for support.
- \* Walk in designated walkways as much as possible. Taking shortcuts over snow piles and other frozen areas can be hazardous. Look ahead when you walk; a snow- or ice-covered sidewalk or driveway, especially if on a hill, may require