

Winter Conditions



Winter Conditions - Personal Safety

- Keep warm & dry – take frequent breaks in the warm, have regular hot drinks (keep hydrated)
- Wear warm clothes e.g. thermal gloves, warm socks, overalls, water proofs and wellingtons
- Wear layers of clothing, these can be removed if you become too hot
- Do NOT work alone, if a buddy system is established then make sure you remain in contact with your ‘buddy’ partner
- Make sure you are familiar with the risk assessment and method statement. If the conditions/situation change then report this to your supervisor
- Remain vigilant and take extra care

Winter Conditions - Site Offices & Welfare Facilities

- If you notice any problems with the welfare facilities then tell your supervisor as soon as possible
- Keep doors closed as much as possible
- Portable gas heaters need to be used in a well ventilated areas, do not block vents and do not hang clothes over heaters
- Only use the designated walkways, do not enter areas that have been assessed as unsafe, these will be barriered off or signs erected. Any concerns then speak to your supervisor



Winter Conditions - Plant & Vehicle Operators

- Keep mirrors, lights and flashing beacons clean
- Make sure these are in good working order – report any defects to your supervisor
- Normal vehicle routes may have been changed, check you know the new route, check for any obstructions and reduce your speed. Take particular care near site offices & car park areas
- Avoid heavy braking in slippery conditions
- Avoid (where possible) the need to climb onto the front or rear of the equipment and take care when stepping down from plant



Winter Conditions - General Site Practices

- Only work in areas that have been checked and assessed as safe - your supervisor will tell you where these areas are before you start work
- If you notice any problems with welfare facilities or if you have any concerns then report them to your supervisor
- Warm up before starting work to improve blood circulation
- Remain vigilant, if you feel unwell then notify your supervisor
- Wear dry clothing each day, eat well and keep safe

