

# gbea SAFETY TOOLBOX TALKS



## Fall Weather and Construction Sites

As the air turns cooler, it's important to keep a few important fall safety tips in mind. With proper precautions and safety awareness, you can enjoy that crisp autumn weather while avoiding some of the dangers that come with the season.

### Keep these points in mind while driving or walking:

- Falling leaves can obscure your vision as can rain and fog.
- Shorter days are part of the fall season, making it more difficult to see walkways and site hazards.
- Short days cast long shadows and in those shadows combined with lower temperatures frost can be present (creating a potential slip hazard).
- Be aware of limitations in your visibility, install and use lighting where you will need it before you need it.
- Keep in mind wet leaves can easily be as slippery as ice on the walkway and roads.

### Other points to remember:

- Be careful with heating sources for work and break areas on the job site:
  - Be aware of whether the fuel source is propane or electric. Set up the equipment safely, paying attention to issues such as running power cords or away from flammable materials.
  - Have heaters inspected by qualified technicians.
  - Make sure that heaters are in well ventilated areas: most consume oxygen and emit carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide is odorless, and carbon monoxide poisoning can be fatal.
- Use the change of seasons to remember to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at home and at work.