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- When possible, avoid north-facing entrances to buildings. Unless properly cleared, these areas tend to remain icy and slippery.
- Appropriate footwear in inclement weather can't be overemphasized.
- If you must walk on a slippery surface, slow down, take small steps, and keep a hand free for balance.
- Wet surfaces are a huge risk. Mop and dry spills immediately. Place caution signage in problem areas until dry.
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