

NORSTEEL SAFETY SENTINEL

PROMOTING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

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SEASONAL WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

As we move out of summer, the long hot days are giving way to cooler mornings, darker afternoons, and wetter conditions. These changes affect visibility, footing, and worker comfort. Staying alert and adapting work habits helps prevent incidents and keeps projects on track.

COOLER TEMPERATURES I

- Morning Chill: Hands may stiffen, reducing grip strength.
- Wet Clothing: Can lead to cold stress and discomfort if not managed.
- Variable Temperatures: Warm afternoons but cold mornings make dressing tricky.

SAFE WORK PRACTICES I

- Wear layered clothing that can be adjusted throughout the day.
- · Keep gloves and waterproof gear on hand.
- Take breaks in heated spaces if you're getting chilled.

REDUCED DAYLIGHT HOURS I

- Dark Mornings & Early Evenings: Increased risk of trips, falls, and struck-by incidents.
- Poor Depth Perception in Low Light: Makes ladders, stairs, and uneven ground more hazardous.

SAFE WORK PRACTICES I

- Use portable lighting towers or task lighting in dim areas.
- · Wear high-visibility vests and reflective striping
- Stay alert when driving equipment at dawn or dusk.

WET & SLIPPERY CONDITIONS I

- Morning Dew & Rain: Scaffolds, ladders, and decks may become slick.
- Mud & Puddles: Increased risk of slips and equipment getting stuck.
- Leaves on Walkways: Hide hazards and create slippery surfaces.

SAFE WORK PRACTICES I

- Wear CSA-approved slip-resistant boots.
- Keep access routes clear of leaves and debris.
- Apply grit or mats to commonly traveled walkways.

FALL STORMS & HIGH WINDS I

- Wind Gusts: Can shift materials, tip unsecured ladders, or blow debris.
- Heavy Rain Events: Increase the risk of trench wall collapse or flooding.

SAFE WORK PRACTICES I

- Secure tarps, sheeting, and stored materials at the end of each shift.
- Inspect scaffolds and shoring after every storm.
- Use spotters when lifting or moving materials in windy conditions.
- Stay clear of overhead power lines during storm cleanup.



GENERAL FALL PREPAREDNESS TIPS

- Toolbox Talks: Review daily weather forecasts.
- Lighting: Make sure temporary site lighting is working before daylight gets shorter.
- Housekeeping: Keep walkways and ladders clean and dry.
- Emergency Supplies: Stock extra rain gear, flashlights, and first aid.