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## **Public Works News Release**

### **Winter's Slips and Slides**

December snows in the Bishop area have all but melted, but the City of Bishop Department of Public Works would like to remind businesses, property owners, residents, and visitors to be mindful of slippery surfaces during the winter's remaining cold or snowy weather.

When it snows or freezes, it gets slippery. It can stay slippery in some spots for a long time, especially in the shade or where snow wasn't cleared when it first fell. Bishop crews clear snow from the lanes of Bishop streets, alleys, and parking lots as quickly as possible after snow falls. Following the snow, the crews spread volcanic cinders in places where it can tend to stay slippery.

Bishop depends on others to clear sidewalks of snow and ice. In fact, state law makes the maintenance of public sidewalk the responsibility of the property adjacent to the sidewalk. This maintenance includes snow removal. Some rental or lease agreements pass this responsibility on to the renter or lease holder of the property. In any event, the city does not have the manpower, equipment, or resources to clear sidewalks and wants to make sure those responsible for sidewalk maintenance are aware.

We need the water, but be careful when it is wet or snowing and until all the snow and ice melts from those shady spots. Clear any sidewalks you're responsible for as thoroughly and as soon as possible after a snow. Spread deicer, sand, or other environmentally-friendly product on those icy spots.

Bishop Public Works appreciates everyone's care preventing slips and slides during winter conditions and appreciates assistance keeping public streets, including sidewalks, open and safe.

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