

Winter Weather Guide

Clearing snow & ice

Health and safety legislation requires an employer to keep every traffic route (including pedestrian traffic) free from substances which may cause a person to slip, trip or fall. Snow & ice could be seen as such a substance. However, how far the employer should clear traffic routes depends on the premises and the resources available, including equipment and manpower.

It is important to prioritise the areas that should be cleared in order for the premises to operate safely. Priorities should be entrance areas for staff and visitors, and also the goods vehicle delivery areas.

- If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful - don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to re-freeze.
- Start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it re-freezing overnight.
- You can prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work.
- Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.
- If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over, but will provide good grip under foot.
- People walking on snow and ice have the responsibility to be careful themselves.

Prevention

It is important to take preventative steps to protect caravan and holiday homes over the winter months.

- Keeping gutters clear will prevent any build up of water which could collect and freeze when the temperature drops.
- When leaving a caravan make sure water is turned off at the mains and the system is drained.
- If there are any trees surrounding caravans and holiday homes it is important that they are checked to ensure there is no risk of falling branches.
- Heavy snowfall can be fatal for flat roofs causing them to collapse under the weight.



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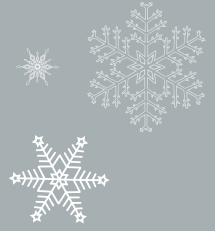
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Risk Management



Risk Management for Parks

At Wilby Risk Management we provide holiday and caravan park owners with a one stop shop for all their health and safety and risk management needs.

Our risk management consultants draw on 25 years of experience in the industry and can help you ensure your holiday park is fully compliant with appropriate regulations.

Why do I need Risk Management?

There are a large number of potential health and safety risks at holiday and caravan parks. Therefore UK law requires that risk assessments are carried out regularly in order to update existing risk management policies which protects both staff and holidaymakers. Risks include:-

- Slips and trips in amenity blocks
- Vehicle collisions
- Employee injuries from ground keeping work

As well as aiding compliance with regulations, a proactive approach to risk management can help to ensure your holiday park's profitability, reducing the potential for accidents to occur and potentially reducing your insurance premiums through an improved claims experience.

What Wilby offer

Our risk management consultants look to tailor our service to meet the needs of each individual client and are able to offer a wide range of services to holiday and caravan parks including:-

- Health and safety policies
- Health and safety management systems
- Health and safety audits
- Site inspection programmes
- Fire risk assessments
- Assistance with emergency procedures
- Assistance with managing contractors
- Legionella assessments



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