

# **City of Saint Paul Labor Management Safety Committee**

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With the end of October, most of our leaves have fallen and cooler temperatures have arrived.

During this latter part of fall we experience other changes that present unique safety challenges. The Labor Management Safety Committee encourages all employees to be aware of these facts:

- ❖ Patches of fallen leaves on streets retain moisture and can be very slippery. Drive slowly and avoid hard braking.
- ❖ Early frosts or light snow falls mean that bridge decks and overpasses may be slippery while the adjacent concrete or asphalt road surfaces are not. Be aware of the change in road surfaces.
- ❖ With the change in daylight savings, you may be traveling in the dark for part of your workday or during your commute to/from work. You may also be driving and have the sun low in the sky directly in your eyes and have a glare off your windows that causes temporary blind spots. Be sure that your windows are clean of debris.
- ❖ Ensure that you use your headlights in twilight conditions to ensure that other drivers can see your vehicle. Remember that it is also state law for drivers to operate their vehicles with headlights during inclement weather (rain, fog, sleet or snow) and from twilight till dawn.
- ❖ Make sure that your headlights, tail lights, turn signals and brake lights are fully operational on your vehicle. If they aren't, have them fixed.

*Remember: Safety is No Accident!*  
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