

WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR OUR RESIDENTS

The following winter safety tips can help prevent accidents during the cold weather:

- Do not wear tennis shoes or high heels, when there is ice or snow, instead; wear flat shoes with slip-resistant soles or boots which provide the best traction.



- Be careful when leaving or returning to your apartment home, especially in the early morning and late at night.
- When going up and down stairs, hold onto the handrails.
- Be cautious of "black ice," the nearly invisible sheen of ice", which may cover sidewalks, parking lots and streets. Use care when getting in and out of vehicles, since there may be ice, especially black ice near vehicles.
- When walking across ice or snow, take short, flat and deliberate steps for maximum surface contact.
- Use care, too, when getting mail from your mailbox and around the dumpster area when depositing trash in the dumpster.
- When using an umbrella and entering a building, shake your umbrella outside and clean your footwear thoroughly on the floor mats or carpets.
- Once inside a building watch for deposits of water on the floor, don't walk too fast, and avoid making sharp changes in direction.
- Use caution while driving, especially when parking, entering and exiting the apartment community.
- When warming up the motor of your vehicle before departing, stay with your vehicle when it is running. For everyone's safety and crime prevention, do not leave your vehicle running unattended, even for just a few minutes.
- Don't follow other vehicles entering & exiting the property too closely.
- Be sure you have flashlights not candles, in the case of a power outage. Do not leave a candle burning, when you leave a room. This is especially important, if you have pets and small children.
- Never use barbeque grills in your apartment to cook or heat your home, during a power outage.
- If you are going to be gone overnight and the temperatures drop below freezing, 32 degrees, and especially in extreme/extended cold conditions, prevent frozen pipes in your apartment by opening all cabinet doors under sinks and allowing faucets to drip slowly, and keep the heat in your apartment above 55 degrees. If the pipes freeze, when they thaw, they will break and flood your apartment and the neighbors' apartment, too.

Please be patient with the apartment community employees, as they try to do all they can to make the property as safe as possible. If at all possible, we suggest you stay at home or delay your departure until later.