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ROOFING TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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To: Authorized Roofing Applicators
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From: Technical Service Department

Re: Slippery Roof Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

Weather conditions such as rain or condensation can cause a roof to be slick any time of the year.

Wearing overshoes can be useful when you are on a roof that has the potential to be wet due to condensation or rain. When using overshoes always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use and observe the product's limitations particularly with respect to snow and ice conditions. Overshoes are generally not recommended for use on frost or snow covered surfaces. Overshoes are available from a number of suppliers either in retail stores or on the Internet such as but not limited to: shoesforcrews.com, slipgrips.com, keukafootwear.com, srmx.com.* Prior to use, always consult with the supplier to select the overshoes that best meet your needs.

When encountering slippery conditions on a roof the following suggestions although not all inclusive may be helpful:

1. Try wearing shoes or boots with textured bottoms in snow. A composite rubber sole and heel is usually better than a leather sole and heel.
2. Use short, deliberate steps when walking in snow or ice.
3. Try to keep your body weight through the middle of your feet (approximately at your arches) when you walk. This, in combination with short, deliberate steps will assist your balance and flexibility for movement along slippery surfaces. Remember, when you are walking on snow or ice, try to think about "stepping down" rather than "stepping out" with each step you take.



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4. Use handrails or any other supports available when walking on slippery surfaces. Holding onto a handrail or some other object is a further means of stabilizing your body as you walk along slippery surfaces. It is also a way to attempt to avoid falling if you feel a loss of balance.
5. Avoid sloped areas as much as possible when walking on slippery surfaces. If you must walk on a sloped area, keep your weight centered down through your legs and use any handrails, walls, etc., to help maintain your balance.
6. Test potentially slick areas by tapping your foot on them before stepping onto them.
7. Step - Don't jump from ladders, elevated surfaces, and equipment.

**Sika is providing the names of these overshoe suppliers for information purposes only. Sika does not make any representation with regard to the performance of overshoes sold by any of these suppliers and does not accept any liability for said performance. It is the responsibility of the user to consult with the overshoe supplier to identify the appropriate footwear based on user's specific needs.*



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