# Picture This! Icy Slip and Slide!

Winter weather means snow and ice, which can cause slips-and-falls. So, this time of year, it’s important to take steps to ensure that outdoor areas of the workplace, such as stairs, sidewalks, parking lots, etc., are clear of snow and ice or treated with sand or de-icer.Otherwise, workers, customers, visitors, etc. may take a spill and injure themselves.

This picture shows a company parking lot in Utah, which resembles an ice skating rink due to the coat of ice that seems to cover the entire lot. Given these conditions, it’s no surprise that the man in the picture slipped and fell. This incident could have been prevented if the company had spread de-icer or salt to melt the ice and prevent new ice from forming.

In addition, the company could’ve spread sand in the lot to provide traction for anyone walking there. Failure to prevent minor incidents is setting the stage.

