

Mike the Access Guy's Ezine

Ramp Winter Safety Tips - 01/05/11

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"Ramp Winter Safety Tips" from Mike The Access Guy

I have taken some calls in the past few weeks with people telling me how slippery their ramps are with all the snow we have had lately.



The first thing everyone needs to understand:

a ramp is a walkway on an incline, it's no difference than trying to walk up or down a snow covered sidewalk or driveway that is on an incline, **EXCEPT** that sometimes the ramp has a **steeper incline**.

The steeper the incline the more slippery the ramp is going to be.

So here are some winter ramp safety tips.



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- * Shovel the snow off ramp
- * Sweep ramp with a stiff bristled broom
- * Use ice melt on ramp (Calcium Chloride pellets)
It's not as messy as salt and not as corrosive
- * If very cold out you may want to try mixing some sand with the ice melt
Same thing they put on road ways they mix salt and sand

On wood ramps, which are often the most slippery, you could cover it with some inexpensive outdoor carpet, or do what my Dad did on the ramp for my older brother, on the house I grew up in. He covered it with rolled roofing. It did help a lot.

But my younger brother and I as kids did tear up some knees and elbows on it.

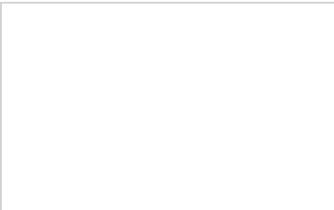
I think my kids did too when they went to see Grandma.

Most Aluminum Ramps are probably the least slippery because of their ribbed surface, but still need to be kept clean.

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