



GROCERY INDUSTRY

PARKING LOT SAFETY



SAFETY
TIP
OF THE
MONTH



Parking lots contain numerous hazards. If a customer is injured because of a hazard you failed to address, you could be hit with a big lawsuit. If an employee is injured, you could be on the hook for workers' compensation. Maintaining good parking lot safety can help you avoid incidents.

Good Lighting

Inadequate lighting can contribute to falls and other accidents. Poor lighting may also contribute to crime.

- Make sure you have enough lights.
- When lights go out, fix them promptly.
- It gets dark early in the winter. Make sure lights turn on at the right time.

Paint and Signage

Signs and paint can:

- Identify tripping hazards, such as steps and curbs
- Identify pedestrian crosswalks
- Post rules and disclaimers

Replace signs or repaint as needed. Anti-slip paint can provide texture to improve traction.

Tripping Hazards

Parking lot tripping hazards can contribute to falls.

- Repair potholes, broken wheel stops and cracks in the road.
- Watch for shopping carts and other items that could contribute to injuries. Provide a place for carts and collect them regularly.

Weather

You can't control the weather, but you can minimize the safety impact.

- Ensure good drainage. Puddles can hide potholes and other tripping hazards.
- Clear ice and snow. If snow is allowed to remain in the parking lot, it may melt and refreeze, creating dangerous black ice.

Monitoring

Monitor your parking lot so you can identify any problems and take corrective action.

- Install surveillance cameras.
- Have security guards monitor the premises.
- Conduct regular inspections, and make sure you keep records.

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