

WINTER WEATHER

It is that time of year, when the temperatures are cooler, the winds are stronger and snow and ice are on the ground.

This introduces several additional safety hazards.

1. Slips, trips and falls

Trailer beds, trailer parks, loading and delivery locations can be Hazardous areas in normal temperatures. In winter, there is less daylight and ground is often wet, slippery and icy.

2. Driving conditions

Please Check:

- Lights are clean and working
- Battery is fully charged
- Windscreen, wiper blades and other windows are clean and the washer bottle filled with screen wash
- Tyre condition, tread depth and pressure
- Brakes are working well
- Fluids are kept topped up



3. In the winter season, accidents involving ice falling from trucks occur every year on European roads.

- By legislation every professional driver must ensure that his truck is in good condition and can be driven safely before departure.

4. Outside Working

- Where possible move the trailer or yourself to a safer environment to complete the task.
- Firmly secure trailer doors and curtains when working in windy environments.
- Don't put yourself in the "firing line". Standing near doors and curtains in strong winds can be dangerous
- Wear suitable clothing

Ensure that the safety equipment appropriate for the country through which you are travelling is fitted or being carried as per that country's road traffic legislation. Prepare for your journey and listen to local or national weather broadcasts and travel bulletins.

Keep your speed and distance and giving yourself more time to stop when necessary.