



# MCAMW Service Bureau Safety Newsletter

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## SAFETY MATTERS BY SAFETY SAM

Now that winter has arrived, the MCAMW Safety Committee would like to remind you to review these seasonal safety tips:

- After a day of bad weather and/or freezing conditions, rooftops could be icy. Be sure to take your fall protection equipment with you to the jobsite if you will be working on a rooftop, especially if the work being done is near the rooftop's edge.
- Daylight hours are now much shorter. Holiday traffic is in full swing. Plan to take your time on the road, especially at night, and:
  - Keep a safe distance from other vehicles.
  - Watch for loading and unloading of school buses, and children crossing the street.
  - Watch for sudden deer crossings.
- Keeping hydrated is important all year-round. Carry extra bottled water on your service truck and drink plenty of water during the work day.

*Remember: There are Good Habits, there are Bad Habits,  
and there are Safety Habits.....**Safety Habits Save Your Life.**  
**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!***

### *Tip of the Month*

#### **NEW 'MOVE OVER' LAW IN EFFECT IN MARYLAND**

A new Maryland Law went into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup> that requires drivers to “move over” (if possible) when approaching from the rear an emergency vehicle using visual signals while they are stopped on a highway. If possible, drivers should make a lane change into an available lane that is not right next to the emergency vehicle. If there is not an available lane (in the same direction) or if it is not safe to change lanes, then drivers must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road conditions, and vehicle/pedestrian traffic.

**NOTE: PLEASE SHARE THIS ADVISORY AT YOUR SAFETY AND SERVICE MEETINGS, PROVIDE A COPY TO YOUR SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND POST A COPY ON YOUR NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN BOARDS.** All information in this Newsletter has been provided by members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington Safety Committee. The purpose of this newsletter is to heighten your awareness of safety procedures.

**This Newsletter will be sent to all MCAMW members.**

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