



## Topic: Snow Blower Use and Safety

### General Safety Tips

- Read and understand the operator's manual before use
- Inspect the snowblower for loose parts, worn blades or damaged belts
- Clear the area of visible rocks, sticks and debris before starting
- Wear snug-fitting clothing and avoid hanging scarves or loose items
- Use insulated, non-slip boots, gloves and safety glasses
- Always aim the discharge chute away from people, vehicles and windows
- Walk slowly and maintain firm footing, especially on icy surfaces
- Never clear the chute while the engine is running
- Use a clean-out tool — never use your hands to remove snow or debris
- Never operate a gas snowblower in enclosed areas

### Topics to Discuss

- Proper personal protection equipment (PPE) for snowblower operation
- Pre-operation inspection steps
- Fueling and carbon monoxide awareness
- Housekeeping and removing ground hazards before use
- Safe chute direction and bystander safety
- Safe methods for clearing clogs and blockages

### Resources

For more information about this topic, visit:

- [Footwear Guide](#)
- [Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention: Sample Program](#)
- Safety Poster: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Accident Investigation Kit: Slips, Trips and Falls](#)
- [OSHA.gov](#)



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**Organization Name**

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**Problem Areas or Concerns:**

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**Attendees (Names/Signatures):**


**Comments:**

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