

Method Statement

Task/Activity	Working in adverse weather	
Next Review Date	01.08.2026	
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Site Manager	Grant Lewis	
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Scope of Works

The methods to be used when working in adverse weather

Background / Training Required

Competent in the safe working practices when working in adverse weather

Safety Equipment and PPE required

Hi visibility BS EN 471:2003 +A1:2007 High visibility clothing		Safety footwear BS EN ISO 20345:2014 Safety footwear	
Protective clothing Appropriately warm clothing for anticipated tasks/ climate including: - Waterproof coats - Fleece - Gloves - Fleece hats - Body fleece			

Tools and Equipment Required

Two-way radio			
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Method of Works/Safe System of Works	Risks/Hazards/Controls/Notes
When working in adverse weather conditions, ensure to carry out tasks as per the method statements for those tasks (laid out in the other risk assessments in this manual). The general method will be as follows: 1. Prior to carrying out external maintenance or cleaning duties check weather conditions. 2. Consider the route to be taken, are there variants in level/ramps/wet areas which ice over frequently? 3. Can an alternative route be taken? 4. If possible, grit any areas where ice is likely to form, shaded areas/damp areas of site. 5. If weather conditions are extreme consider if the task can be carried out safely, if there is any doubt report to your supervisor. 6. Decide on what level of warm clothing you will feel comfortable wearing, which will allow you to carry out the task. 7. Ensure that any other items you may wish to wear if weather conditions deteriorate are readily and easily available. 8. If whilst carrying out your tasks you start to feel any ill effects, report to your Manager / Supervisor immediately. 9. Staff will alternate tasks to reduce the time spent in the area. 10. Adjustments of working hours (start earlier/ later) to prevent working in extremely cold conditions. 11. Regular breaks will be implemented during periods of cold weather. 12. Always be aware the conditions may greatly affect vehicle driver's performances and stopping distances. Note: Where it is of the utmost importance that operatives who are required to work outside are supplied with suitable warm clothing, it is also important to recognise that different people suffer different levels of cold. Operatives who work outside in inclement weather must make their own personal assessment of prevailing conditions and wear such items that are appropriate for their own individual needs. Operatives should ensure that all items of warm clothing are readily and easily available for use as required.	1. All operatives issued with sufficient amounts of warm, suitable clothing to protect them against the elements when working in external locations. 2. All operatives to ensure that when working externally in cold conditions their routine takes into account the locations where work is being carried out and what effects it may be having on them. 3. In extreme cold conditions operatives are to be brought into a warm environment at regular intervals. 4. All operatives to ensure that if they start to feel the effects of working externally they must consult with their Manager / Supervisor so that the appropriate actions can be taken. 5. All equipment maintained and thoroughly checked before use to ensure in good working order (parts may have become frozen / ice formed). 6. Any difficult driving or manual handling procedures to be postponed until conditions are safer. If certain manual handling tasks must be carried out, to be done with care and caution with assistance enlisted and mechanical aids utilised where appropriate. 7. Operatives must wear footwear with good sole grip at all times.

Tasks themselves carried out as per individual risk assessments within this manual.

8. Centre entrances regularly checked to ensure that slip hazards are removed / contained / reduced as far as is reasonably practicable. This will involve cleaning up wet patches and/or replacing floor matting.
9. All floor surfaces checked more regularly than usual to identify and remove slip hazards.
10. ABM staff to ensure that they understand and adhere to all on-site adverse weather emergency / action plans.
11. If dangerous areas are identified, location must be escalated immediately to control.
12. Only trained operatives to use snow clearing equipment / machinery.
13. Car parks to be monitored for flooding. Relevant wet vacuums to be used to dry floors, as required. If flooding becomes extreme, contact control to escalate.
14. Welfare of staff working in adverse weather conditions to be monitored.

Emergency Arrangements

If the task includes any periods of Lone Working, follow the ABM Lone Working Procedure.
First aid available from the security team.
2-way radio provided to staff while at work.

Environmental Impacts

Not applicable.