

September 2026 Safety Calendar:

Hospitality and Leisure Industry

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
Week 1: Why It's Important to Winterize Ahead of the Cold Weather													
Prevents pipe bursts- frozen water pipes can expand and break		1	Protects guest and employee safety- reduces slips and falls due to snow/ice	2	Reduces maintenance costs- emergency repairs are expensive	3	Maintains guest comfort- less likely to experience boiler repairs or life safety equipment	4	Prevents property damage- reduces damage to roof, walls, mechanicals	5			
		Week 2: Potential Water Intrusion Areas, Be Prepared:											
Equipment reliability- I.e. maintenance snow blowers, adequate shovels, ice-melt	6	Protects the hotel's reputation- early preparation can assist with less guest complaints	7	Roof penetration and flashing- inspect and repair	8	Window frames and seals- check caulking and weather stripping	9	Exterior doors and thresholds- inspect for any gaps that may allow wind-driven rain/snow	10	Gutters and downspouts- ensure drains are clear of obstructions and secured	11	Utility and pipe penetrations- seal any open areas to prevent water intrusion	12
		Week 3: If Using Vendors For Snow Removal, Winterizations, or Repairs:											
Foundation cracks- prevent further damage by proper repair(s)	13	Exterior Mechanical- inspect frequently for condensation, leaking pipes or frozen pipes	14	Use reputable contractors- do your homework	15	Confirm adequate insurance limits - it is crucial for risk transfer	16	Ensure scope of work is clearly defined	17	Require a Hold Harmless Agreement to protect the hotel	18	Be sure to have the hotel named as an additional insured	19
				Week 4: How Staff Can Assist in Reducing Winter-Related Risks									
Review the contract carefully for all key items	20	No insurance, no work	21	Contract inadequate, find another contractor	22	Provide safety training on early warning signs- leaks, water stains, unusual odors...	23	Ensure Engineering, housekeeping and managers observe and report any hazards	24	Provide the location of water valves and how to shut-off in the event of pipe burst	25	Monitor weather forecasts and prepare accordingly	26
Provide contractor information on unauthorized areas	27	Conduct daily morning and evening walkthroughs to spot black ice, leaks, and walkway hazards	28	Deploy heavy-duty, moisture-absorbing mats at all public entrances and clear them regularly	29	Position caution signs immediately when snow or water is tracked indoors	30	Clear snow and ice blockages from all exterior HVAC units, intake valves, and exhaust vents daily	31				

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