

THE RMS EXPRESS

Sand & Salt Shed Readiness

Sand and salt sheds are at high risk for collapse because they are usually light construction, metal sheathing on wood or metal frame, or an arched rib metal structure without internal supports. Often such structure's integrity is compromised by being struck by equipment or by uneven vertical loading from snow sliding off one side, but not the other. Buildings can be protected by removing vegetation and snow from them and, perhaps, even more important in the case of Quonset or dome constructed sand sheds from around them. When snow is allowed to accumulate against the sidewalls, it prevents snow from sliding from the roof, causing it to pile on the roof and creating forces that may exceed design limits.

- Typical Hazards:
- Vegetation growth against sides of buildings
- Sand and salt stored against the walls.
- Overfilling – exceeding fill line
- Rust and corrosion
- Displaced walls
- Foundation cracking

The design work includes factoring in snow loads, wind loads and other weather conditions. With that in mind, your building should have no issues handling typical snow loads. Unfortunately, things are not always "typical" and as a result, if you receive an unusually large snowfall, or allow snow to accumulate along the sides, then it is strongly recommended that you remove the snow.



In Your Inbox

It is Workers' Compensation renewal season. The 2024 renewal applications for the Workers' Compensation Fund have been emailed and we are requested that the completed application be returned by October 16, 2023. We want our members to know that we are available to assist you. If you would like help with the completion of your application or just have questions, please contact Risk Management Services Underwriting at rmsunderwriting@memun.org or call 1-(800) 590-5583 and ask to speak with RMS Member Services representative.

Save the Date(s):

October 4th & 5th: Join us at the Maine Municipal Associations 87th annual convention at the Augusta Civic Center, as Risk Management Services celebrates the **45th Anniversary of the Workers' Compensation Fund & Unemployment Compensation Fund**. We will have fun games, educational resources and numerous gifts and prizes. Please look behind your name badge at registration for an amazing free gift from MMA Risk Management Services and our partners HUB International and Safety National. Registration at: [Convention](#).

MMA Risk Management Services would also like to personally extend you an invitation to attend one of the following sessions that we are proudly sponsoring:

- **When the Worst Happens - Understanding Trauma**
Wendy Wollner, Founder and CEO of Balancing Life Issues will discuss traumatic stress and recognizing its symptoms in the workplace. She will talk about the types of trauma, which employees are most susceptible to, and how it impacts them, their lives, and their work.

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Wendy will also discuss what leaders should and shouldn't do to respond.

Certification: Valid for 1.25 MTCMA Certification credits in the following category: Leadership and Human Resources.

The second sponsored session is:

- **Developing or Revamping Your Safety Program**
This session will provide important foundational knowledge to help participants understand what a comprehensive safety program is and the steps needed to implement one in their workplace. It will be ideal for any human resources professionals and managers looking to improve or develop a comprehensive safety plan. Participants will also gain familiarity with resources and toolkits to assist in the process.

Presenters: *John Waterbury, Senior Loss Control Consultant, and Jason Johnson, Loss Control Consultant, MMA Risk Management Services*

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*Special note: Once you have completed a sponsored course, please visit the Risk Management Services Booth, and we will award another entry for our drawing in appreciation for attending one of the sponsored sessions. We are excited to see you!