

Ground Conditions

Remember that conditions can change!

The ground can change very rapidly depending on the weather and time of year. During winter, the ground is often hard and frozen in the mornings and evenings, and slippery and wet throughout the day.

These conditions can bring additional hazards, and extra precautions should be taken to make sure those hazards are handled properly.



How to Work in Unstable Ground Conditions

- Make sure footwear is suitable for the weather conditions.
- Make sure that equipment is on level, solid ground at all times. Rainy weather conditions make it very easy for tracks to slide out and ground to slough in.
- Ensure that light plants and generators have suitable dunnage under outriggers so they don't become unstable when the next person raises the mast.
- Be careful when and where you place or park equipment so they don't become surrounded in a pool of water.
- When working in some of these muddy areas our ice grippers can become somewhat of a hindrance. If you have to take ice grippers off, be sure to update your Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) and put them back on once you leave the area.
- Make sure to clean mud off your boots whenever possible. Mud on the bottom of boots can make even the flattest of surfaces slippery.
- Always keep cords off the ground.

**If conditions become too treacherous, call it a day!
A few extra hours of work isn't worth an injury.**

