Avoiding Obstructions When Stacking Snow

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TOPIC: Stacking snow can be a difficult task when working in small areas that have heavy pedestrian traffic. Here are some tips that will help keep everyone safe.

Plan Ahead

- Before you begin stacking or removing snow, have a plan
- Obtain or create a map of the location you are working in
- Know where entries and exits are
- Mark all obstructions before stacking or removal begins
- Be sure to also mark the drainage areas
- Be aware of varying ground elevations in the area you are working

Stacking Snow

- Never pile snow in front of entries or exits
- Never stack snow in an area that will block the view of traffic or pedestrians
- Snow piles should be kept a minimum of 3 feet away of fire hydrants
- When plowing store parking lots, never stack snow in front of shopping cart holders
- Never pile snow in the middle of a parking lot where it can cause visibility issues for traffic
- Do not stack snow around designated parking spots
- Never stack snow on an incline where it can melt and possibly refreeze, creating additional hazards

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