



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is SAFE PATH?

SAFE PATH is a blend of high performing 50% Potassium Acetate solution and corrosion inhibitors. SAFE PATH is best used as a de-icer, sprayed on the pavement before precipitation starts. SAFE PATH breaks the bond between the ice crystal lattice and the concrete.

## Do I need to mix SAFE PATH with water?

No. SAFE PATH is a ready to use formula and dilution will reduce the efficiency of the product.

## Can I use SAFE PATH to melt through layers of snow or ice?

With thicker (3/8") buildups of snow or ice, using SAFE PATH no longer becomes a cost-effective alternative. It is recommended to remove the loose snow above before applying SAFE PATH.

## Will SAFE PATH track into my building?

SAFE PATH has the same tracking properties as water on shoes during a rainy day. It doesn't leave a visible or corrosive residue like salts, pellets, and other products.

## Is SAFE PATH safe to use around metals?

The issue with de-icing products being used on metals is the corrosivity of chlorides. SAFE PATH

is a 100% non-chloride product and thus much safer. SAFE PATH is formulated to improve its compatibility with copper, brass, aluminum, zinc, and other metals and alloys. Equipment surfaces that are frequently exposed to de-icing products like SAFE PATH should be routinely wiped down with a warm wet rag (especially before and after the winter season) to prevent the accumulation of residue, minimize staining, and maintain equipment integrity.

## Can I overapply SAFE PATH?

No. However, the most common mistake when using SAFE PATH is by applying more product than is required to provide a safe surface. Simply apply the recommended ratio and allow SAFE PATH to do the work.

## Is SAFE PATH safe to be around plants and animals?

Yes. SAFE PATH is listed as "relatively harmless" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife scale.

## Oops. I didn't pre-treat and it snowed last night. Can I use SAFE PATH as a post-treat to prevent black ice?

Yes. SAFE PATH works as a post-treatment and will be more effective than chloride-based products, provided that any thick top layer of snow is removed first. SAFE PATH's refreeze point prior to being diluted by any frozen

precipitation is -72 degrees F.

## Isn't it cheaper to just use rock salt?

At a first glance, it may appear that way. However, most of the time rock salt is overused and overapplied resulting in wasted product due to the difficulty of accurately dispersing the granules. Applying a liquid-based product is faster, easier, and more accurate. 1 gallon of SAFE PATH covers the same area as 50 lbs of rock salt. Additionally, after factoring in the corrosivity of salts, tracking stains, and cleaning, SAFE PATH will save you money in the long run.

## If I increase my application rate, will it increase the amount of frozen precipitation that SAFE PATH is able to melt?

Yes. The higher the concentration of SAFE PATH on the sidewalk or surface compared to the amount of moisture will improve the amount of frozen precipitation capable of being melted.

## Should SAFE PATH be used in all winter storm conditions?

SAFE PATH is not a "silver bullet" solution to snow and ice removal. If ice buildup becomes too thick, a granular product might be more effective, as a liquid products tend to run off before they're given enough time to melt the ice.

*NOTE: The most cost-effective way to utilize SAFE PATH is through pre-treating which prevents frozen precipitation from sticking to walkways.*



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