

USING SNOW BLOWERS SAFELY



1. **Wear adequate winter clothing while clearing snow.** Being outdoors during the winter always carries the risk of frostbite and hypothermia. Dress in layers to keep warm and to make it easy to remove extra clothing if you get over-heated from exertion. Wear boots that have good traction on slippery surfaces. Avoid long scarves and outerwear with strings that may become entangled in the moving parts of the machine.



2. **Become familiar with your machine.** Understand all its functions. Always check your snow blower prior to starting the engine; oil, gas, and belts, etc.



3. **Keep hands and feet away from all moving parts of the machine.** If the machine clogs, shut the machine off and wait for all moving parts to stop. Remove clogged snow/ice with a stick or instrument.

4. **Work the snow slowly.** There is less chance of clogging if you do not rush the job.

5. **Never leave a running machine unattended.** Never refuel the machine while it is running. Always let the engine cool off for at least 2 minutes before refueling.



6. **Before beginning to remove snow, make sure the area is clear.** Some machines are capable of throwing snow at distances of 30' or greater. Take special care to discharge snow away from people, buildings or vehicles.