

Safety Alert



SUBJECT: Large Canopy Collapse due to Snow and Ice

RECIPIENTS: All Council Services (including schools)

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Large Canopy Collapse due to Snow and Ice build up



COMPACTED SNOW IS THREE TIMES HEAVIER THAN FRESHLY FALLEN SNOW

Due to the heavy snow fall and freezing temperatures over the last week some long/wide canopies may have a thick build up of compacted snow on them, in some causes at least 12" of build up, which may be placing some canopies under excessive strain/stress and/or weakening fixing points.

It is therefore essential that you assess any such canopies on your site to confirm the structural safety before allowing activities/access to take place within/under them.

This conformation assessment can be done through either:

- Mouchel Property Services Tel:01522 836222
- Your own property services contact/company/competent person
- The company who built/installed the canopy.

All assessments, findings and actions relating to this **MUST** be recorded

Clearing the snow should be part of a planned maintenance programme with due consideration given to a safe method of work.

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject please contact:

Mouchel Safety Adviser 01522 836714 or Corporate Health & Safety Ext:3675.