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For many building owners and managers, ensuring sidewalks and walkways are free of debris and ice are critical maintenance tasks. The facilities team should have their eyes peeled for walking or tripping hazards in and around the building. Safety is important for building occupants and anyone working in, around and on the building. It can be surprising how often roof access is needed for building maintenance – window washers, HVAC technicians, and roof repairs.

We're all very aware of the slip hazards on a sloped roof but may not realize the many dangers on a big, flat, commercial roof. There are many hazards to be aware of – gas lines or electrical running across the surface, roof hatches placed close to the edge of the building, HVAC units near perimeters, roof drains and projections that often blend in with the roof surfacing, causing a trip hazard. And did you know OSHA classifies skylights as a hole in your roof? Over time, exposure to weather and UV weakens the skylight material and becoming less resilient to impact or falls. This can lead to fatal falls for rooftop workers, as well as safety risks for those inside the building - which is why a rooftop safety audit is imperative for your building.

With well-trained roofing technicians regularly performing inspections, housekeeping and maintenance, problems are uncovered early and can be corrected to prevent costly emergency repairs. Having an asset management plan that includes budgeted scheduled inspection and maintenance extends the service life of a roof, reduces downtime, and saves money. Keeping good roofs good is beneficial to your commercial portfolio.

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