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**Fish Creek POST OFFICE ASKS CUSTOMERS TO CLEAR WALKWAYS
AND AREAS AROUND MAILBOXES OF SNOW**

The Fish Creek Post Office requests that customers clear their mailboxes and walkways of snow and ice during the winter months. Postal carriers have suffered serious injuries related to slips, trips and falls during the past years.

“Several of our letter carriers have suffered broken ankles, fractured elbows, fractured arms and even more serious injuries,” said Vicki.

Letter carriers are advised to use good judgment when attempting to deliver to addresses where ice and snow are not cleared. Still, many risk their safety in order to provide service to the customers. “No one wants to inconvenience the customer,” Vicki said. “But we must ensure the safety of our employees.”

The Postal Service is asking customers to help keep their letter carrier safe this winter by keeping walkways, steps and porches clear of snow and ice that can lead to dangerous falls.

Additionally:

- Customers are asked to clear enough snow from curbside boxes to allow mail trucks to approach the box, deliver the mail, and to drive away from the box without danger or the need for backing.
- Walkways should be cleared of snow and ice and allow enough traction to avoid slips, trips or falls.
- Steps should also be kept clear of ice and snow and in good repair so as not to cause injury to the letter carriers or others who visit the customer’s home.
- Overhangs should be clear and free of snow and ice to avoid injury.

The best way to avoid injury is prevention. Please help your letter carrier provide you with the best service, as safely as possible.