Noel Library Earns Safety Recognition Award

The staff and faculty of Noel Memorial Library was awarded the LSUS Safety Recognition Award for the 1st quarter of FY2010.

Noel employees have worked hard to sincerely implement the new ORM safety mandates such as fire and tornado drills. Their response to quarterly Safety Newsletters is always timely with 100% participation. They do not hesitate to report unsafe conditions and follow up to insure appropriate corrective action is completed. They have voluntarily attended Campus CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training and applied this training to the library environment. They offer constructive suggestions on making the library safer for our students, faculty, and staff.

Nominations for the Safety Recognition Award may be made to any member of the safety Committee or to the Office of HR Management.

Slips and Falls Cause Most LSUS Injuries

Over one million people in the US experience a significant slip, trip, or fall each year. Falls account for one quarter of serious workplace injuries. Slips and fall cause over 104 million lost workdays per year in North America.

Slips and falls by faculty, staff, students, and visitors accounted for 53% (12 of 23) of the accidents occurring at LSUS since last January.

To Prevent Slips & Falls....
- Clear clutter
- Slow down—especially on stairs
- Watch for wet spots
- Anchor loose telephone and computer cords
- Use handrail
- Wear proper footwear
- Avoid distractions
- Report slip & fall hazards
Slippery floors from our recent wet weather have caused several falls in which LSUS employees or students were injured. While our custodial staff works diligently to keep building entry areas dry, it is an almost impossible task when rain is falling and foot traffic is heavy. The risk of falls only increases as we transition into winter with the threat of ice. Awareness and slowing down is the key to preventing slips and falls.

Congratulations to the staff and faculty of Noel Memorial Library for winning the Safety Recognition Award. Their hard work sets the standard for our campus. Deserving candidates for this award may be nominated to any member of the Safety Committee or to me in Human Resources.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

The Safety Guy

When Should I Call 911?

A medical emergency is defined as a condition that is potentially life threatening. Examples include, but are not limited to heart attack, seizures, stroke, inability to breathe, loss of consciousness, and serious bleeding. Should such a medical emergency occur on campus, 911 should be called first, followed immediately by a call to Campus Police (on campus #999, cell phone 455-5497).

911 should not be called in the case of minor injuries such as bruises, minor cuts, abrasions, or pulled muscles. Campus Police should still be called immediately, even if the injury appears slight. Campus Police officers are trained to administer first aid for these types of injuries and will coordinate additional medical attention if required.

LSUS Policy 6.01.00 prescribes that all accidents or incidents should be reported immediately to Campus Police regardless of severity. Emergency procedures for specific incidents, such as bomb threats, power outage, or automobile accidents may be found in the LSUS Emergency Procedures Quick Reference Manual (commonly known as the “flip chart”). This manual is available from Human Resource Management (Administration Building, Room 109) and should be kept where it is readily available in an emergency situation.