

# SAFETY NEWSLETTER



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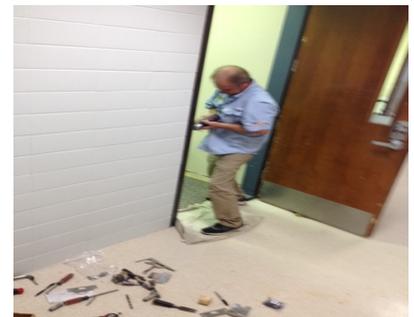
**LSU SHREVEPORT**

## Campus Renovations Create Safety Hazards

As you may have noticed there are renovations ongoing in several buildings on campus. This will continue into the summer as construction begins on our new Barnes & Noble Bookstore in the UC, as well as similar work in the old Bookstore location in the TC. Additionally, there is painting and other activities occurring in the Administration Building and the UC. We will be replacing bleachers in the HPE Building as well as having roof work done on several buildings.

While all of this is long overdue and is great news, it does pose some safety risks. While we require our contractors to take safety precautions (such as isolating work areas with safety tape) it is not uncommon to find unsafe conditions associated with renovation and construction projects. These include unsecured ladders, exposure to potentially unsafe materials, slippery floors, lack of sufficient barriers, unsafe worker behavior, and many more.

It is very important that we identify such unsafe conditions before someone is injured. The Safety Guy asks that anyone seeing an unsafe condition report it to Facilities Services or directly to him.



### NOTICE TO LSUS EMPLOYEES & STUDENTS

The LSU Shreveport campus has natural gas pipes located underground throughout the campus. The gas is used for heating buildings, water and pre-paring food in the University Center building. The natural gas is purchased from CenterPoint Energy at a single metering point located in the southwest corner of the campus. From this point there is a single 2" steel gas line underground delivering gas to the following buildings: Central Utility building, Physical Plant, Physical Plant office, Science Building, backup generator, Fine Art Complex, University Center, Health & Physical Education Building and museum. The natural gas being delivered from CenterPoint Energy has an odorant chemical applied to the gas so it can be detected by smell if a leak should ever occur. If anyone on the campus of LSU Shreveport smells a gas leak or suspects a leak, they should contact the LSUS Campus Police

## *From the Safety Guy....*



Having been your Safety Guy for 10 years now, I'd like to thank everyone for their help in making LSUS a safe place to work and study. Over the past decade the number of accidents and incidents reported has increased—and that is NOT a bad thing since our injury rate has decreased. This is because the increased reporting, regardless of whether an injury was involved has enabled us to identify unsafe conditions and correct them **BEFORE** injury strikes. Our acknowledgement rate on the quarterly Safety Newsletter has also increased as the last decade progressed. While the Safety Guy would like to think this is because of the fine journalistic nature of the newsletter, he knows better. Responses have increased because all of you realize the important role that your acknowledgement plays in passing our annual audit. I'd also like to give a huge shout out to our campus reps who tirelessly consolidate the acknowledgements in their assigned areas and often bear the brunt of hounding from the Safety Guy. It is a thankless job that they do so well—thanks guys!

Summer is almost here so be safe while on your summer adventures—use sunscreen and insect repellent, don't drink and drive, avoid lightning, and have a great summer!

SG

## *Tips for Preventing Slips and Falls*

1. Pay attention—don't use electronics while walking or using stairs
2. Wear appropriate footwear
3. Be aware of wet surfaces such as campus covered walkways
4. Take your time
5. When walking on the grounds, be alert of holes and other hazards
6. Report slip/fall hazards immediately—do not assume someone else will



## ***What is LSUS Policy Statement 6.01??***

This policy statement outlines our Safety Program and contains two key pieces of information that the Office of Risk Management requires us to present to all employees annually.

First is our **General Safety Rules** which provide general (and pretty obvious) rules for all employees. Take special note of the requirement to report all accidents, incidents, and injuries **IMMEDIATELY** regardless of severity.

Second is **Safety Responsibilities** which outlines individual responsibilities relative to our Safety Program.

*Your acknowledgement of this newsletter will reflect that you have read these two sections of PS6.01.*

Report all accidents and incidents immediately to Campus Police regardless of severity!!!! I do.

