

SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Safety Newsletter 2

Spring 2019

Slips/Falls Cause Most LSUS Injuries (Still)

Reduce your risk of slips, trips and falls by:

- Keeping floors clean and clear of clutter.
- Maintaining good lighting both indoors and on outdoor walkways.
- Securing electrical and phone cords out of traffic areas.
- Installing handrails on all stairways.
- Using a sturdy stepstool when climbing or reaching for high places.
- Cleaning up spills right away.
- Wearing sensible footwear.
- Never standing on a chair, table or surface on wheels.
- Arranging furniture to provide open pathways to walk through.
- Periodically checking the condition of outdoor walkways and steps and repairing as necessary.
- Removing fallen leaves or snow from outdoor walkways.
- Being aware that alcohol or drugs, including prescription and over-the-counter medicine, can affect your balance and increase your risk of falling.



Hot Weather Safety Tips

Stay hydrated

Wear sunscreen/bug spray

Slow down - take frequent breaks

Check on the elderly

Avoid dehydrating beverages (yes, like booze)



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.



From the Safety Guy.....



As I write this I am listening to reports of the incredible damage at Louisiana Tech from the EF-3 tornado that ripped through Ruston on April 25, 2019. As regular and loyal readers of this Newsletter, you may recall that I described an eerily similar (but hypothetical) tornado scenario in the last Newsletter. The scenario, however, was not hypothetical to our colleagues at Tech.

Probability and safety are closely related in that over time, as more unsafe incidents occur (such as small tornados) the likelihood of a major incident increases. So, while we may have been spared from damage last week, it is just a matter of time and probability until LSUS is hit by a tornado—be prepared by knowing how to react.

Summer is almost here and it always poses a number of safety hazards. Don't drink and drive (or even swim!) and always buckle up while travelling. Use sun screen and appropriate headgear, especially if you are a bit thin on top like the Safety Guy. Be careful where you dive. Be wary of stinging insects and snakes. Make sure meats and other perishables are properly refrigerated and thoroughly cooked. Wear a helmet when biking. And, after doing all of this, have FUN!

Construction and renovations continue to occur across our campus. Please stay from these areas and report any unsafe conditions to the Safety Guy.

LSU will soon be publishing a new Permanent Memorandum that addresses protection of minors participating in university sponsored events. This PM will require training and background checks for all adults (including volunteers) that are involved in programs with minors. If you have a program for minors and you have not been contacted concerning these requirements, please let the Safety Guy know.

Hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!

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