

July 2009 Summary of Accidents Received

Department	Date of incident	Description of the event	Investigation and countermeasure
Custodial Services	7/7/2009	Employee tripped on a sidewalk and fell by Law College.	The supervisor stated the incident happened by a parking lot where the sidewalk was raised to match the level of the parking lot. The incident happened at 4:10 am and there might not have been enough light. The employee was wearing low cut tennis shoes which the employee replaced after the incident. The employee stated they would carry a flashlight. The incident information was forwarded to the director of Landscape Services for review.
USMARC	6/9/2009	Employee lifted an ATV out of mud and experienced pain in their lower back.	The employee was checking on irrigation pivots on an ATV over a glassy creek. The ATV got stuck on the mud and the employee lifted the back of the vehicle to move it out of the mud. The department filled the drainage areas with small rocks so the ATV would not get stuck.
Geosciences	4/19/2009	Employee claimed to have herniated disk in their back after lifting water samples on uneven surfaces at a research site.	Waiting for the employee to call back.
School of Natural Resource	6/22/2009	Employee was clipping a catfish fin when their finger was stuck by the catfish fin. The injury site became infected.	The employee was initially wearing gloves while clipping fins, but gloves made the task more difficult so they took the gloves off. A fin struck the employee between a nail and finger. The injury became infected and the employee had to have a minor surgery to clean the area.
Landscape Services	7/7/2009	Employee disturbed an underground bee nest while pruning shrubs and was stung multiple times by the bees.	The supervisor stated the underground bee nests were not usually visible. The employee stepped on the nest, was stung six times, and became incoherent. The supervisor stated they sprayed the area with insecticides and killed the bees.
Cather Pound Food Services	7/9/2009	Employee's toe was burned by hot water.	Another employee was pouring hot water into the trough. The injured employee was close by and was splashed with hot water on their toe. The other employee was in a hurry and might not have been paying attention. The supervisor stated the employee who caused the incident was counseled.
Animal Science	7/2/2009	Employee punctured their right hand while wiring fences.	The supervisor stated the employee was tightening the high tensile fence wire without gloves. The employee was not sure how their hand was punctured but suspected they hit the end of the wire. The employee stated they would wear leather gloves.
Building Systems Maintenance	11/19/2008	Employee was bitten by a spider while removing refrigerants from an old air conditioner.	The employee was working on an air conditioner on the roof top of Nebraska Hall. The area was sprayed with insecticides after the incident. The employee stated they would keep the work piece out in the sun before working on it so spiders would have time to escape.

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Classics	7/15/2009	Employee lifted boxes of books and felt pain in their lower back.	The employee was assisting professors move to different offices and lifted about 40 boxes of books. The employee stated they lifted boxes with correct lifting techniques, using their legs and knees. The employee stated they would get some help when they have to lift multiple boxes. EHS recommended not filling the boxes completely to make them lighter.
University Police	7/2/2009	Employee was riding a Segway when the Segway hit a bump. The employee lost control and was thrown from the vehicle.	The employee was driving through a parking lot where some section was higher. The supervisor thought the driving speed was not an issue and the officer had received training before assigned to a Segway. The supervisor thought the employee could pay more attention to the terrain.
University Police	7/14/2009	Employee was riding a Segway when the Segway hit the curb. The employee fell off the Segway and hit the ground.	The employee was patrolling in the dark and did not see the driveway. The Segway hit the driveway, causing the employee to be thrown from the vehicle. The supervisor stated head lights for Segways have been ordered.
Custodial Services	7/16/2009	Employee tripped on an extension cord and fell into window glass.	The employee tripped on the knot on the extension cord they were using. The employee stated they would be more careful and untie the knot before using an extension cord.
Biological Systems Engineering	7/16/2009	Employee lacerated their right finger while cleaning a coffee maker.	The employee was cleaning coffee maker. The employee did not know there was a sharp edge in the coffee maker, which lacerated their left index finger. The employee stated they would file the sharp edge to make sure similar incidents would not happen.
Harper Schramm Smith Facilities	7/13/2009	Employee strained their back while lifting chairs.	Waiting for the supervisor to call back.
Chemical Engineering	7/20/2009	Employee was splashed with residual chemical from tubing while taking them to a washing room.	The employee was washing equipment in a dishwasher. The employee pulled a needle out of a tubing when acid in the tubing sprayed all over. The employee was splashed in their left eye. The employee stated they were supposed to be using a fume hood but actually was using a sink. The employee stated they would pull needles in a fume hood and wear eye protection.
Abel Sandoz Food Services	7/23/2009	Employee slipped when they stepped on food item on the floor and fell on their right hip.	Waiting for the supervisor to call back.