

August 2009 Summary of Accidents Received

Department	Date of incident	Description of the event	Investigation and countermeasure
USMARC	7/21/2009	Employee was opening a gate from horseback when the horse spooked and threw the employee.	The gates are designed and positioned in a way that employees could open from horseback. Risk of injury would be reduced by dismounting and opening the gate; although the supervisor reports that this is not a feasible corrective action. Cause of the horse being spooked is unknown.
Summer Sessions	7/22/2009	Employee sprained their left knee after they slipped on mud while participating in a team building exercise.	Horseplay was the root cause of this incident. The employee was injured when they slipped in mud while being chased by another participant with a pie. The supervisor stated that participants were advised of expectations prior to the start of the activity, but disregarded the rules. The supervisor stated they would not engage in similar activities in the future.
USMARC	6/30/2009	Employee was using an impact wrench when the wrench slipped and hit the employee in the mouth.	Contrary to standard tool safety recommendations, the employee did not inspect the extension piece prior to use and therefore did not detect that the tool was defective due to excessive wear. The defective tool was removed from service after the incident.
Custodial Services	8/10/2009	Employee was bent over while cleaning a corner of a stairwell. When they stood upright, they hit their head on the railing causing a laceration.	This accident could have been prevented if the employee would have been more mindful of their surroundings.
Nebraska Unions	8/11/2009	Employee fell and injured their right hip after colliding with another individual in a crowded hallway.	The employee was walking in front of the bakery shop in the City Union. The hallway is very busy with pedestrians. The employee collided with another person who had stepped out of the restroom. Risk of injury in such circumstances is generally reduced by avoiding times when crowds are at the highest; if not possible to avoid such times, then moving carefully, slowly, and with heightened awareness is important.
USMARC	7/29/2009	Employee was roping a calf from the ground. The employee tripped and fell on their right shoulder.	Investigation in process.
Water Center	8/12/2009	Employee suffered a deep laceration to the finger when a beaker broke while washing glassware.	While the employee was wearing gloves while washing the glassware, EHS recommended the use of thicker gloves with textured fingertips.
Abel Sandoz Food Services	8/11/2009	Employee tripped on the ramp in the Cather Pound Neihardt basement.	The supervisor stated the employee tripped on the carpeted ramp in the building and fractured their foot in two places. The ramp had a 1/4" bump in the area where the employee tripped. The supervisor was to contact Cather Pound maintenance to repair the carpet bubble.

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Cather Pound Facilities	8/17/2009	Employee missed steps and fell in Cather Pound.	Investigation in process.
USMARC	8/10/2009	Employee was stung by bee.	Investigation in process.
Selleck Food Services	8/13/2009	Employee slipped on a wet floor and scraped their right knee, shoulder, and ankle.	Investigation in process.
Physics and Astronomy	8/5/2009	Employee tripped and fell into a floor trough area. The employee bruised their shins.	The floor trench, used to route cords and wires is normally covered with floor plates. The employee was cleaning the area and was aware that the trench was open. The employee stated they would be more careful in the future.
University Dining Services	8/20/2009	Employee slipped and fell on wet floor, hitting their hip, shoulder, and head.	A "wet floor" sign had not been displayed, and the employee was not aware of the wet floors. The supervisor stated they reminded the custodial staff to display wet floor signage.
Food Science and Technology	8/19/2009	Employee fell on the sidewalk near a parking lot by Miller Hall, lacerating their knees, hands, and arms.	Investigation in process. Area has been inspected by Landscape Services and no deficiencies were noted.
Abel Sandoz Facilities	8/26/2009	Employee was putting chairs in the Sandoz lounge when they slipped and fell.	The incident happened on a carpeted floor. The supervisor stated the employee's foot was caught on the carpet, causing the employee to fall. The supervisor suspected the employee might not have lifted their legs high enough and could have been more careful.