

Chancellor's University Safety Committee (CUSC) Meeting
May 20, 2025 - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
EHS Training Room & Zoom

AGENDA

1. Introductions /Technical issues (3:00 – 3:05 p.m.) Martha Morton
2. Old Business
 - A. Update on meeting with UCOMM (3:05 – 3:10 p.m.) Jacob Sharrer
 - B. Any Old Business (3:10 – 3:15 p.m.)
3. New Business
 - A. Emergency Planning/Preparedness Update (3:15 – 3:25 p.m.) Abby Schletzbaum
 - B. 3rd Qtr. Injury Incidents/Near Misses (3:25– 3:35 p.m.) Brenda Osthus
 - C. Other new business (3:35 – 3:40 p.m.)
4. Reminder of next meeting & Adjourn Martha Morton

Meeting Schedule for 2025-2026 (EHS training room, Warehouse 1, East Campus and Zoom)

- July 15, 2025 (Injury/Illness report April-June 2025)
- September 16, 2025 - Open Forum
- November 18, 2025 (this is not Thanksgiving Week)
(Injury/Illness report July-September 2025)
- January 20, 2026 (Injury/Illness report October-December 2025)
- March 24, 2026 (4th Tuesday to avoid spring break) - Open Forum
- May 19, 2026 (Injury/Illness report January-March 2026)
- July 21, 2026 (Injury/Illness report April-June 2026)

Goal FY 2024-2025:

Develop, review, and maintain lines of safety communication while fostering a culture of safety awareness, where everyone is encouraged to report “near misses” and unsafe practices. Use safety reports as lessons learned to share anonymously throughout the university to prevent reoccurrences/similar incidents.

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Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2025
3:00 – 4:00 pm

The May meeting was convened by the CUSC Chair, Martha Morton, at 3:00 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS:

All attendees (Zoom and In-Person) introduced themselves by name and the department/facility they represent.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ron Bacon (Custodial Svcs), Jacob Sarrer (HEP), Max Wheeler (COE), Justus Foged (EHS), Abby Schletzbaum (UNLPD), Rick Campos (FPCP), Samantha Link (ARD Greenhouse), Martha Morton (CHEM), Kyle Hansen (CREC), Diane Pinkerton (Shelton Museum of Art), Kyle Broderick (), Darren Johnson (ENREEC Mead), Jody Wood (Institutional Equality/Compliance), Alan Boldt (BSE), Sara Quinn (Research Compliance), Marla Nissen (UNOPA), Mike Livingston (Agronomy/Horticulture), Jingjie Hao (Nutrition/Health Sciences), Barb McCain (Dining Services).

OLD BUSINESS:

Jacob Sharrer gave an overview of the “Heads Up!” program.

A PowerPoint was shared with the group which covered the newly developed 7 posters. The new posters will be available on the @nebraska SharePoint link after May 30th, 2025.

Adding a reminder to report accidents on the “Heads Up!” signage was discussed; however, it was determined that reporting accidents was not the intent of the “Heads Up!” program.

Using a phone app called “Slack” for reporting accidents was briefly discussed. Possibly more information on this media will be forthcoming.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

No other old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Abby Schletzbaum reminded the group that Emergency Planning/Preparedness training or tabletop exercises are available from UNLPD.

Martha Mortan (Chair) shared and reviewed the 1st Quarter Accident Reporting statistics via PowerPoint.

A copy of the near miss survey from Graduate Students will be distributed the CUSC membership.

If SharePoint access is needed by any CUSC member, please contact Besty Howe at 2-5488.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

The CUSC Mission Statement/Goals were reviewed. No objections to the wording or direction of the Mission Statement/Goals were noted.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Martha Morton, Chair of the CUSC adjourned the at approx. 3:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15th, 2025, at 3pm.

Student Safety Awareness Survey: Enhancing Laboratory Practices

Your Voice Matters in Creating a Safer Lab Environment

This survey is anonymous, and no identifying information will be collected. Its purpose is to help students and the safety committee improve lab safety practices. Your honest responses will help create a safer and more informed lab environment for everyone.

On a scale of 1–5, how confident are you in handling laboratory emergencies (e.g., spills, fire, chemical exposure)? 1 = Not confident at all 5 = Very confident

If you selected 1–3, please specify which types of laboratory emergencies you feel least comfortable handling (e.g., chemical spills, fire, exposure incidents)

Do you feel supported by the Department of Chemistry regarding your safety and health?

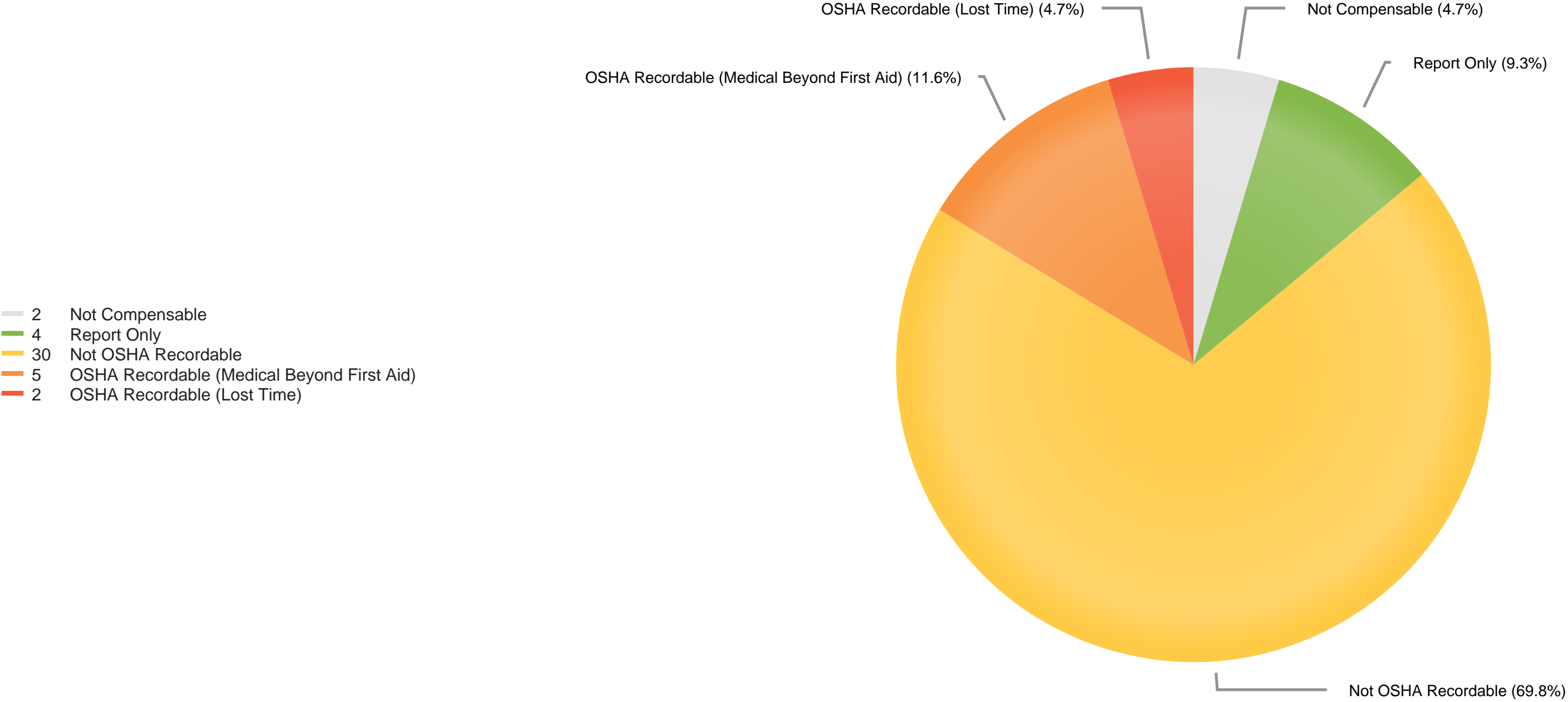
Based on your experience as a teaching assistant, how can we better prepare undergraduate students to ensure their safety and health in the lab?

Are you experiencing any issues accessing the spaces you need for your research?

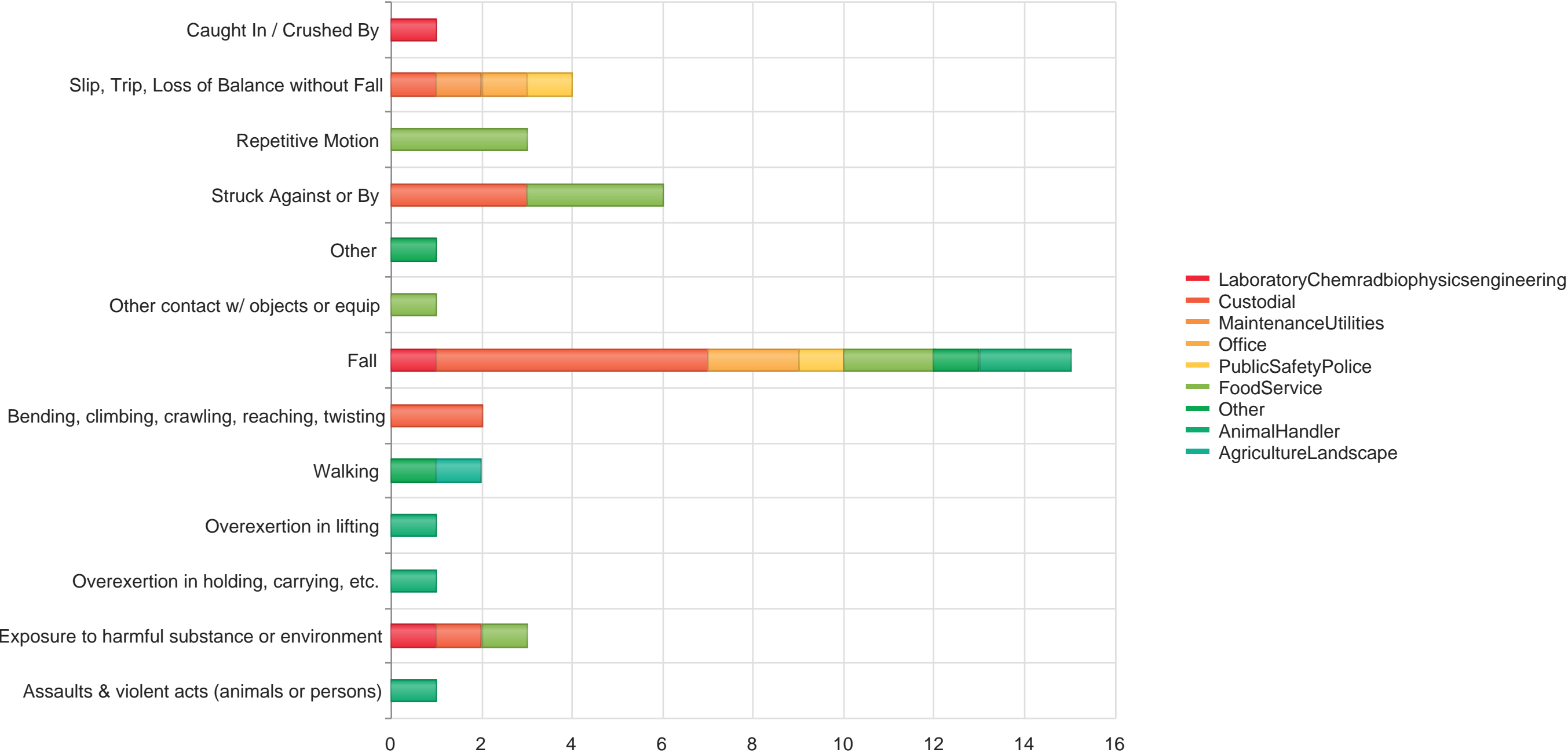
Do you receive regular safety training or updates relevant to your research work? In addition to the general safety training provided by the safety committee, do you receive lab-specific safety training?

Are there clear protocols in your lab for reporting near-misses or accidents?

Severity (Total : 43)
Start Date: 1/1/2025 - Stop Date: 3/31/2025



Event/Exposure By Employment Type (Total : 41)
Start Date: 1/1/2025 - Stop Date: 3/31/2025





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***IF YOU'RE ON A BIKE...
YOU WHEEL-Y NEED TO PAY
ATTENTION TO THE PATH.***



HEADS UP!, HUSKERS.

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***DISTRACTED DRIVING
ISN'T WORTH THE RISK.***



**HEADS
UP!, HUSKERS.**

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***STAY OFF YOUR
MOBILE WHILE
YOU'RE MOBILE.***



**HEADS
UP!, HUSKERS.**

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***LOOK AT WHERE YOU'RE
GOING — NOT WHERE
YOU'RE SCROLLING.***



HEADS UP!, HUSKERS.

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***IF YOU'RE SCOOTERING
YOU BETTER NOT BE
SCROLLING.***



**HEADS
UP!, HUSKERS.**

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***NOT YOU TEXTING
WHILE WALKING...***



HEADS UP!, HUSKERS.

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***FOCUS ON YOUR FEET,
NOT YOUR FEED.***



**HEADS
UP!, HUSKERS.**