

Number 15-06

Safety Alert – Slips, Trips and Fall Injuries

1 BACKGROUND

There have been 52 reports received in the first half of 2015 that related to Slips, Trips and Falls.

32 of these resulted in someone requiring at least first aid.

8 of these reports involved more serious medical treatment and 3 resulted in people having to take time off to recover.

In addition, there were 20 near miss or hazard reports made.

Reporting near misses or hazards can help to prevent injuries as the area involved can be inspected and assessed, which may result in the potential hazard being removed and the risks of injury greatly reduced.

2 PREVENTION

- ✦ We need your help to prevent injury from Slips, Trips and Falls – if you see a damaged or hazardous stair, path or other walkway, always report it as a hazard through the Incident Management System and enter a Maximo request.
- ✦ If you, or someone you see, nearly trips or falls, enter a Near Miss report through the Incident Management System.
- ✦ Consider how you can reduce the risk of you slipping tripping or falling:
 - Plan your walk and permit sufficient time to get to your meeting or appointment on time without rushing;
 - Wear sensible shoes when walking – we have to cover a lot of ground to get from building to building at the Callaghan and Ourimbah campuses so consider your footwear before setting off;
 - Concentrate on walking rather than using mobile phones or reading the minutes, agenda or papers while walking – statistics from across industry show that using mobile phones when walking or ascending/descending stairs is a significant contributing factor to injury occurring. If you see someone using a mobile phone or reading papers while walking, don't be afraid to politely remind them that what they are doing is unsafe – you may prevent them from sustaining an injury!

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Auchmuty Fountain

1. No handrails in place on steps, no handrails to prevent the risk of a fall behind the fountain.
2. After handrails installed to steps and across back of fountain

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