



## University Safety Committee Minutes

**Meeting Minutes Date:** 06/08/23

**Time:** 09:00-09:30 Zoom

**Chair:** Chad Johnson  
**Members Present:** Drew Ayers, Sandra Murray, Dave Meany  
**Members Absent:** Dave Sundstrom, Paige Hughes,

**Guest:**

The USC Met on March 23, 2023 from 1500-1530

**I. Call to Order:**

a. Introductions

**II. Mandatory Agenda Items:** (WAC 296-800-13020) - 30 Minutes

- a. Review Safety and Health Inspection Reports (**Chad Johnson/EHS**)
  - Consideration of Safety Hazard Trends and Corrections
- b. Evaluation of Accident Investigation Reports (**Chad Johnson/EHS**)
  - Determine if Cause(s) of Unsafe Conditions were Identified and Corrected
- c. Evaluation of Workplace Accident & Illness Prevention Program (**Chad Johnson/EHS**)
  - Discussion of Recommendations for Improvement, as needed

**III. New Business; Safety Survey**

**IV. Members comments:**

**V Adjourn**

## Employee Incidents March 24 through June 6, 2023

<p>Running on pool deck to make a practice save, rounded the corner and slipped which hyperextended both legs and rotated them both outwards which caused pain in knee</p>
<p>Was removing the battery from the leaf blower and cut my pinky on the blower, afterward's cleaned the cut and put band aid on it.</p>
<p>Washing dishes, didn't know a knife was in the sink. Got cut on right middle finger reaching down into the sink</p>
<p>█████ was cleaning the grill with oil and grill brick in a forward &amp; back motion. When pulling the brick back along the surface the brick skipped a little and splattered a small amount of oil up his body, contacting his forehead, cheek, and neck. He applied burn cream immediately. Sent home after filling out incident report.</p>
<p>While moving equipment in our storage, I accidentally dropped a Horse Shoe set on my right foot. I was able to move my toes and could walk but as the evening went on swelling and bruising occurred, no broken toes or feet. Was able to walk out of storage and head home for the day as my shift ended.</p>
<p>Megan was washing dishes in the dish room. When she was spraying a bowl with Buffalo sauce in it, the water reflected back at her and got in her right eye. She stopped and got a classified staff and was assisted with flushing her eye with cool clean water.</p>
<p>Exited my vehicle to sidewalk, and must have stepped on the edge of the square where the tree was cut down causing imbalance and fall to hands and right knee. Dropped everything and caught myself on both palms, but there are no abrasions, just minor impact pain in left palm. Right knee had prior injury and surgery, so I am icing and will be monitoring, but probably just a good bruise later under the swelling. Minor pain on standing from office seat and putting weight on it, minor limp on walking. Right toes kind of hurt now. No broken skin or bones. Right ankle is already titanium, so it did not roll. Just a little shocked and muddy now, but no head contact or disorientation. Two male witnesses offered to help, one works in Hargreaves, but did not take names.</p>
<p>When using a magnetic separator two magnets pinched my right thumb and broke the skin causing some bleeding.</p>
<p>On April 27th 2023 me and two cadets were working with several other students with the Spokane Sheriff's department for a "Tac All Day" training. We were actors in mock scenarios with the Spokane department. The scenarios included lots of smoke, loud noises, CS gas, rubber bullets, wood blocks, blast bombs, fireworks, and other equipment. During one of the mock scenarios a blast bomb hit my foot and exploded on my right leg. This caused burning from my ankle up to right below my knee. I also received several cuts that are not too deep. The blast bomb tore my leggings apart, my shoe was torn, and my sock was torn. The ricochet from the explosion hit my left leg and caused two minor bruises. My right leg is extremely burn and I was unable to walk or drive. Medics arrived on scene and wrapped my leg and ordered my to keep it wrapped and redressed for at least a week to several weeks possible.</p>
<p>I was walking out of Huston and saw █████ trip on a metal object that is on the bricks and bent up causing a tripping hazard.</p>
<p>I was reeling restroom with product on floor I walked in and slipped trying to catch myself I used my left hand to catch myself and jammed my fingers and landed on my back.</p>
<p>I was cutting red peppers on a chopper and my finger got caught on the blade.</p>
<p>I went to remove a piece from the dish machine when it shot pack and crushed/scraped my finger in the top of the machine.</p>
<p>While showering in the URC Locker Room, I slipped and fell on my left elbow. I also hyper-extended my right wrist and slightly sprained my left ankle as well on the fall. I was able to get dressed and return to my car. I contacted my supervisor that I would return home to rest and address the injuries. I returned home and initiated R.I.C.E. Rule.</p>
<p>█████ was cutting onions with a chopping device when she was removing the onion from the device her finger slipped and caught on the blade cutting the tip of her left thumb. She stopped what she was doing and informed a classified and basic first aid was applied.</p>

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█ was unloading clean dishes from the dish machine. When the top of our Salvajor food collection system came through, he grabbed it and it spilled quite a bit of hot water onto his right foot. It instantly soaked through his shoe and sock and scalded him. He immediately removed his shoe and sock and took his foot to a sink to run cool water. Then contacted our classified-on shift.

█ was washing dishes and caught his middle finger on a piece of equipment for the fryer. The edge cut his finger. He stopped washing dishes, washed his hands, and applied a bandage.

On May 8, 2023 both of my hands and wrists became numb and tingly during the night and has persisted since that day. I was diagnosed with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome on May 23, 2023 due to frequent/ repetitive use of the computer for work.

I smashed my left hand between the corner of a wall and a hand truck carrying a compressed gas tank. Top of left hand is bruised and swollen. I was removing a gas cylinder from its storage cage in order to transport it to ISC 309.

I was at the long table. I was trying to slide to my left to make room for another chair. I was reaching to the right for my drink and keys when the chair tipped over.

A student employee was using a cleaning chemical, I was standing about 3 feet behind the student doing another task, and the student turned around, accidentally spraying the cleaner right into my right eyeball.

█ was leaning down to pull the lever on the fryer drain. The hose was in his right hand. The metal nozzle touched his left upper arm causing a burn. The nozzle is where the hot oil comes out from being filtered back into the vat. He stepped back and finished the task at hand. Found me after to fill the report.

Removed gloves and the knuckles on my right pinky started to sting like a had a papercut. Couldn't see a wound but cleaned and sanitized hand just in case.

Turning off water at outside water source, crushed my thumb on my right hand using the vice grips as the water key was not working. We are working on getting the right tool to do the job and don't need to use vice grips to turn the water on and off.

## Student Incidents March 24 through June 6, 2023

<p>Hit on the chin with a wild pitch while batting at a club baseball game in Lewiston while playing against the Idaho Vandals.</p>
<p>Individual jumped during a volleyball game and landed on his ankle in a funky position. Immediately was put to sit down and ice was provided. No Ambulance was called. Victim stated he was okay he just needed to rest for a bit.</p>
<p>Came out of the basketball courts holding on to two individuals as his left foot was elevated. We put him in a wheeled chair and helped him into the elevator to go downstairs into his friend's car. Ice was provided. Did not want paramedics or ambulance.</p>
<p>Male student approached me stating that he had a rapid heartbeat and did not feel well. I placed student in a chair to sit down &amp; relax. I then proceeded to call EMS and checked participant's pulse while on the phone with EMS and EMS also arrived on scene shortly after.</p>
<p>Participant approached the front desk to notify staff he had broken his pinky finger. I responded to the participant to assess the injury. The participant was sweating profusely and said he felt like he was going to throw up so I asked surrounding staff members to grab a chair, bucket, and cup of water for the participant. A second staff member went to get ice to help with the swelling. After about 5 minutes of sitting, the participant's nausea passed. I taped his pinky and ring finger together to stabilize the finger and prevent additional injury. I recommended the participant ice every 15 minutes to help with swelling, and to go to a doctor if he felt it was broken. I offered to call an ambulance but the participant said he would be able to take himself to urgent care if needed. MOI - The participant was playing basketball and went to block a shot. He said his hand started to feel hot and when he looked at his hand, participant said he had bent his pinky finger backwards (hyperextended) at the PIP joint, and the finger had bent over to the side. The participant said his finger looked dislocated so he re-adjusted it into place before approaching the desk. Provided First Aid - ice and athletic tape to stabilize the finger</p>
<p>Was taking a 45lb plate off rack and it dropped on her foot.</p>
<p>As she sat down &amp; pulled her chair forward her index finger got stuck before falling back on the chair &amp; further squeezing her finger with the addition of her body weight.</p>
<p>Participant was playing volleyball in the gym. Participant jumped up, and when he landed, he felt as though he displaced his knee. The participant described it as a popping. The participant was asked if he was experiencing additional pain, such as shooting pain down/up the leg and said he was not experiencing any additional pain. The participant was offered for an ambulance to be called, but denied an ambulance. He said he did not feel it was necessary. The participant was asked if he had driven himself or had ridden with someone to the facility, and he said he lived in a dorm (snyamncut) on campus and felt comfortable walking himself to his dorm. I offered to walk there with him just as a precaution. The participant was given ice, and given general icing instructions. No additional steps were necessary for the situation.</p>
<p>██████ broke a test tube in lab while drying. She initially did not realize that she had been cut. After realizing she had been cut, she asked for a bandage and cleaned her cut with soap and water. (I attached a photo of ██████ cut finger.)</p>
<p>Individual was playing basketball when he jammed his thumb. We provided him with ice and he continued to workout in the facility.</p>
<p>Swimming, High BP, Sweating, Seizure, Dizziness,</p>
<p>Participant was playing volleyball in the basketball courts around 6:20 pm on Monday May 16th. Participant went up to spike the ball and upon landing, hit another participants foot and rolled his right ankle. Participant complained of tingling in his ankle region and asked for ice. After receiving ice, participant stood and walked on his ankle. He claimed that he needed no further care.</p>

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A student in chemistry 373 had a syringe full of a chemical (1-bromo-2,4,5-trifluorobenzene) and stuck his finger with the needle. No chemical was injected. The student washed the affected finger and put a band aid on it. I was upstairs but my TA [REDACTED] was in the room and the student reported the incident to her, and she came and got me. I asked the student if he had any symptoms and he said no. I told him to monitor the site for any irritation and to let me know if he felt ill. There did not appear to be any secondary symptoms. I read the hazard warning on the bottle and it just said "skin and eye irritant."

[REDACTED] was playing ball with other students and the ball hit him in the eye and broke his eye glasses.

Student jumped for a volleyball and landed on her ankle in an awkward position.