



University Safety Committee Minutes

Meeting Minutes Date: 3/25/22

Time: 14:05 to 1435 Zoom

Chair: Chad Johnson
Members Present: Dave Meany; Dave Sundstrom; Jossie Brown;
Members Absent: Drew Ayers; Remington Steelman,

Guest:

The USC Meet on December 22, 2021

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 results were discussed.

IV. Members comments: Jossie Brown indicated that her group in Senior hall did not have a clue as to what some of the emergency procedures or where equipment things where is Senior Hall. Discussion lead to EH&S updating its website for each building indicating emergency location and equipment information. Dave Meany suggested a rollout for fall and announcing the website information in 24/7. Something he can do. EH&S will strive to meet that deadline. We may be able to do this just before fire evacuation drill in the fall if they have any.

V Adjourn

Incidents Jan 1 to March 23 2022

while picking up a bag of de-icer I felt a pinch in my lower spine.
I was going to fix a dental unit that was not working properly. There was water leaking on the floor. I slipped on the floor and fell. I hit my knee and twisted both of my ankles.
I slipped on an ice patch and fell on my tailbone, then flat back. Surgery was required. Outside jobs are being turned down because of the injury.
This injury is due to the excessive use of my left hand, while favoring a previous injury on my right. There isn't an exact date or description because its an ongoing issue. I have a painful case of tennis elbow, that has been going on for months.
Splashed hot oil into her left eye, she went to bathroom removed her contact and washed her eye out with cool water
When I went to take the trash that I had collected from Streeter and put it in the dumpster I had a sudden sharp pain under my right shoulder blade, the pain under my shoulder came back making it hard to breath and use my right arm. I decided to wait to see if it would subside and focused on not using my right arm but after an hour nothing has changed.
2 IT employees were at my desk installing a program on my computer. They then asked me to log into the computer. I passed by one of them and tripped over his foot. I fell onto the floor. I was able to get up on my own.
Old injury not doing well
parked at science courtyard...stepped on ice getting out of truck ...hit head and hand on door of truck..
Sitting down at computer grabbed the desk to pull myself in and a piece of metal under the desk cut me.
Attempted to close the dumpster lid, but it flipped back towards me so I tried to catch it and push it back up and over and jammed my finger.
yesterday i pruned pretty intensely and this morning i was blowing and raking leaves. somewhere in that combination i strained my back.
Cut Middle right finger.
I was shaking a graduated cylinder filled with water and sediment in order to demonstrate sediment size separation in turbulent flows when the glass cylinder shattered and I received a 1 cm shallow cut on my left thumb
My right arm and hand feel swollen, the feeling in my hand and arm feel a little numb and having pains. From time to time having a harder time making a tight fist or gripping things. My hand & arm has been uncomfortable.
At 12:30 AM, Residential Life received a call from Community Advisor that one of their biopsy stiches had popped while doing building rounds and was bleeding. They were in the hall office trying to slow down the bleeding. They called Community Advisor for help. Community Advisor was able to stop the bleeding, and bandage the wound. Once the clean up was done, Community Advisor placed the used gauge, gloves, dressing, and other waste into a trash bag and threw it away in the dumpster. Community Advisor stated that they were going to go to the doctor's office in the morning and get checked.
I was straightening parking curbs I bent over to pull a piece of rebar out of the asphalt stood up and tripped backwards over a parking curb i heard and felt a pop in around my tailbone area and when i stood up i was pretty sore
My left arm and hand im having sharp pains or a throbbing pain. My hand & arm has been uncomfortable. Repeated motions such as Wiping things, vacuuming, dusting, Mopping. Ect

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While throwing the 2nd bag of paper recycling into the dumpster, my right leg/butt muscles (where the muscles connect) freaked out. Think it's just a super cramp. Kept happening throughout the rest of my shift. Hard to stretch that area, but it's helping. As of this time, medical care is not needed.

Transient Ischemic Attack. At 10:00 AM, People in the room were taking a break. After opening the refrigerator door, person dropped his yogurt and phone while talking to people and his speech started slurring to the point where his speech was not understandable. He was instructed to sit down on the couch in the room, and once he sat down, he was told his speech was slurred, his face was drooping. 911 was called. The EMTs arrived at approximately 10:08, performed tests, and determined that his condition appeared to be a transient ischemic attack and recommended immediate medical attention at a hospital. After 5-10 minutes of convincing him, the EMTs convinced Larry to go with them in an ambulance. He was kept overnight for observation.

Person was following another person in the kitchen and accidentally stepped on the back of first persons shoe causing following person to fall.

I stepped on the platform inside the cooler door to the left to reach items on the top of a ladder rack. I stepped off the platform and rolled my ankle on the ramp and my weight landed on my ankle. I tried to catch myself on the door as I fell cutting my finger slightly. I landed on the floor on my rear. I sat accessing my injury. my ankle hurt quite a bit but I stepped on it to see if I could walk. I could if I did not put all my weight on it so I limped out to find my supervisor and report to her. I put a band aide on my finger and continued back to work. As I worked I could tell my ankle was swelling and more painful throughout the day.

I used the Sunkist cutter to cut limes. I had cleaned the machine and the blade and was putting the blade back in the machine when the top started to close so I pulled my hand back really fast and my thumb slipped onto the edge of the blade. I cut my thumb.

A person was feeling dizzy, and having shortness of breath. I called 911, Cheney Fire Department, and EMT's arrived at 2:04pm. Persons blood pressure and heart rate where both elevated, they recommended that he get treatment.

Was lifting a case of peanut butter to the top shelf of food pantry storage when the case slipped from my hands and the corner of the case hit me in the face between my lip and my nose on the left side. It resulted in a small scratch, and swelling in my upper lip

I tripped between CAT 201 and CAT 204 and could not catch myself. I fell and hit my head on the upper right side. I was then able to roll over to a sitting position, locate my broken glasses and stand up. There was bleeding from my right temple.

Middle finger on left hand, got caught in a pinch point on the dish machine. Cut on the right side of middle finger, bruising on both sides of middle finger, and nail.

Was blanching broccoli in steam kettle, and tilting the kettle down, and index finger was pinched.

The right side of my neck to my right shoulder down to my right hand has non stop rubbing pain. when I'm mopping and vacuuming the pain in my shoulder is just unbearable. By 3/18/2022 pain got worse through the day so i took Advil, it help a little. I rested the weekend still no improvement. Today as i do my daily routine my shoulder is still hurting.

After cleaning and mopping the women's bathroom in the main hallway of the URC, I went to grab the wet floor sign, and my ankle twisted inward.

I pulled the mop from the mop bucket and placed it in the wringer. When I grabbed the wringer handle to push down on it to wring out the mop something in my right hip popped. At first it hurt a little bit and then through out the shift there was pressure in the area where I experienced the popping sound and feeling.

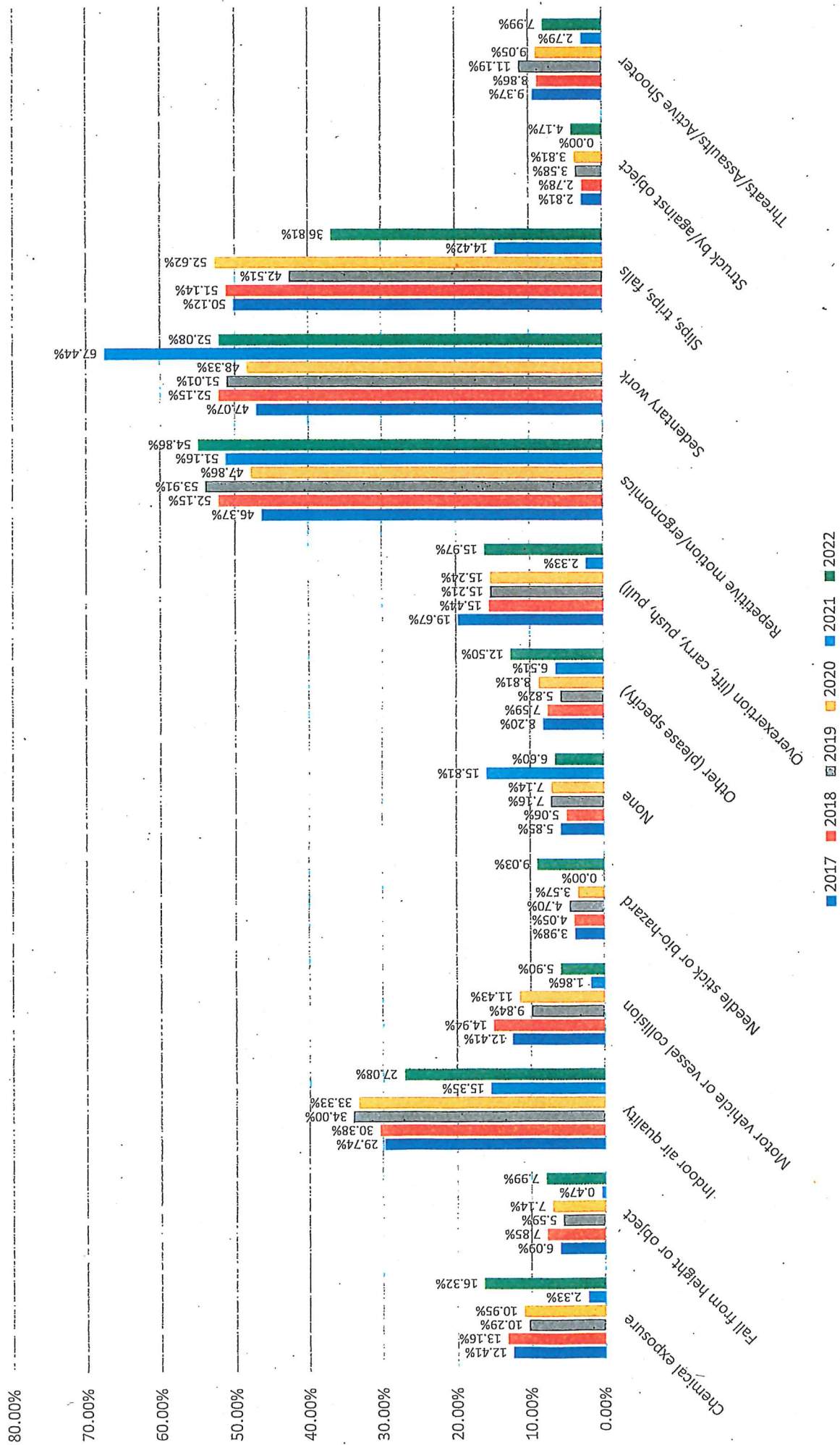
Student Incident Reports 1/1/22 to 3/23/22

<p>Person slipped the parking lot. Person contacted the EWU Rozell steam plant and requested for someone to get called out to de-ice the area. Pesron said EWU Rozell advised her they would place a work order for it to be done on Monday (01/10/2022) because no one was available at the time (weekend). Pesron said she was upset and frustrated because someone needs to take care of it now. Pesron said she was concerned for the welfare and safety of vulnerable people (elderly/frail persons, children, pregnant women, etc.).</p>
<p>A person was lifting weights when the individual fell over and began having a seizure. His girlfriend who was at the facility with him stabilized his head while myself and another fitness instructor removed weights and equipment around him to prevent further injury. After removing equipment I stood between the individual and the corner of the wall to prevent further injury. The individual was unresponsive and unconscious, but still breathing, for about 5 minutes. EMS was called immediately and the fire department showed up a couple minutes after the individual became responsive.</p>
<p>A person was coming into the Health Science Building on the west side (Spokane Campus) she slipped on the ice and fell. She hit her head and said she heard a "crack"</p>
<p>Participant was playing basketball and says his "knee buckled underneath him and someone ran into him," causing him to injure his knee. He was on the ground when we entered the basketball gym and he asked for ice. We got him ice and asked if he wanted us to call the paramedics. We informed the participant that it was free for them to come check him out and that it would only cost money if he left in the ambulance. The participant agreed to have 911 called. The paramedics arrived and took vitals and checked out the participant. They recommended he go to the hospital in the ambulance. Participant elected to drive himself to the hospital against medical advice. The participant signed a form acknowledging this.</p>
<p>Complained of irritation of right arm after playing volleyball, some swelling near the wrist. Asked for ice.</p>
<p>The student came into the URC to play basketball with their friends. The student had a previous injury with their right ankle. They were aware of the injury but never thought much about it. As they were playing, they had tripped over their friend and re-injured the right ankle once again. The student asked for ice to which it was provided. The student was informed about medical personal if they were interested (at no cost), but declined.</p>
<p>On 01/13/2022 person was invited to assist in a "Safe Patient Handling" class at her clinical education site. She was acting as the patient for demonstration of a lateral bed transfer using a sliding mat. During the transfer, persons mid back (thoracic spine) impacted with the bed rail which had not been completely lowered. The transfer motion continued to a stretcher which was positioned lower than the bed height. While there was discomfort at the site of impact, person thought it would be fine after a hot shower. She reported ongoing pain for several days and development of a bruise. On the morning of 01/20/2022 Kristin reported stiffness and significant pain upon waking. At approximately 9:00AM when she stood and stretched, she experienced a vasovagal response characterized by weakness in her knees, upset stomach, and diaphoresis, and which subsided after returning to sitting. She reports persisting rib and thoracic spine pain.</p>
<p>The Student Affairs Suite received a call at their front desk at 9:54am from person. Person shared that her daughter: "was walking to class; slipped and fell; hurt her back; did not hit her head; other students helped her up and to the gym; someone at the gym gave her an ice pack; she went back to her snyamncut dorm; she has slipped before and is kind of clumsy."</p>
<p>Needle stick with used instrment. Wiping on guaze</p>
<p>Removing amalgam from a prep tooth with my wax spatula when it slipped and cut left thumb. Cut was quackly washed with soap and water then placed in a bandaid.</p>

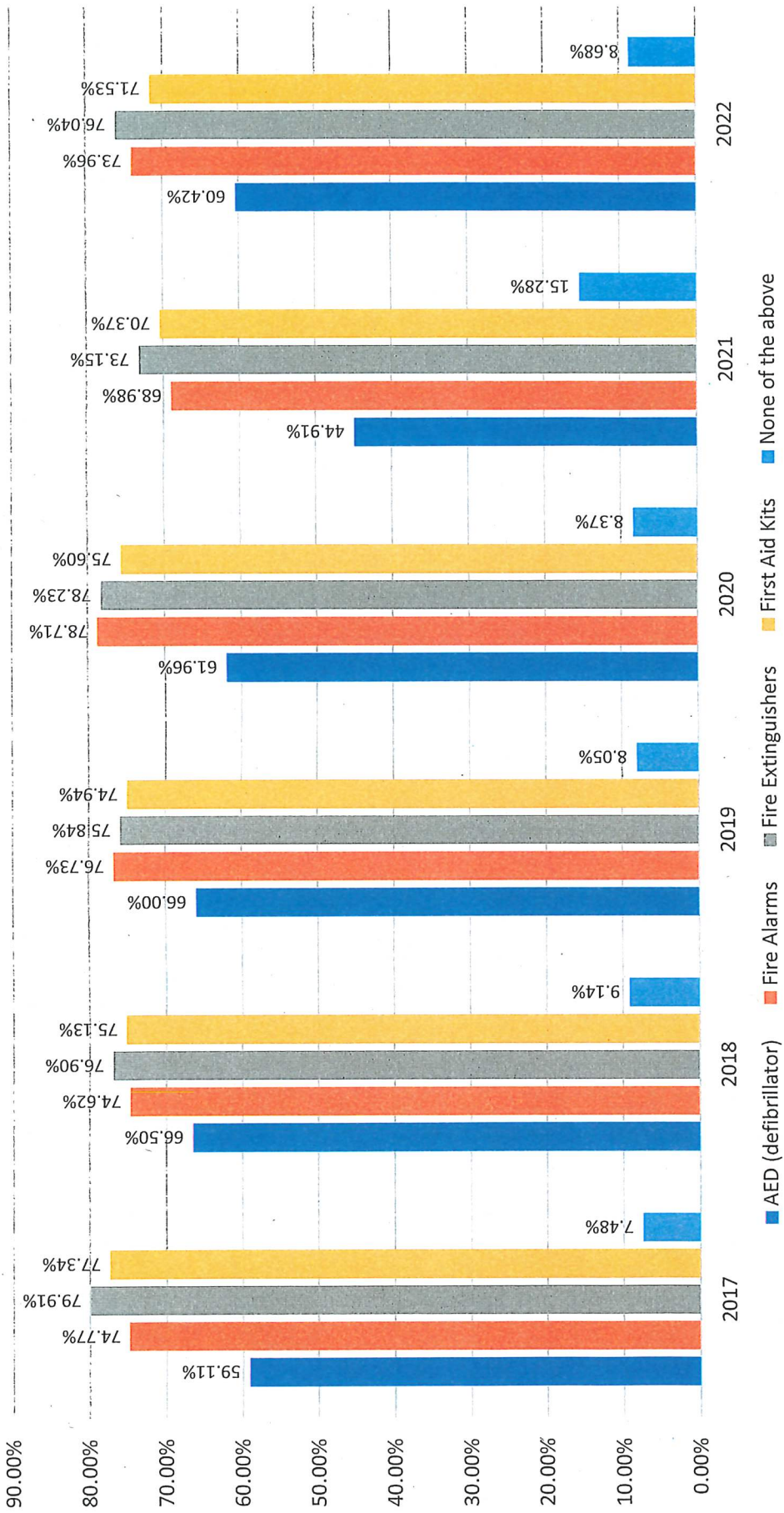
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<p>Person's friend came to the front desk and asked for a bag of ice for other person. We got him ice and went and checked on person. When approaching Ethan, he was sitting on the windowsill in the basketball court. I asked person what happened and where it hurt. He told me that he was playing basketball and stepped down on his ankle wrong and twisted it. I asked if he wanted us to call the paramedics to come check him out. I informed him that it would be free for them to come see him and that it would only cost him money if he left in the ambulance with them. Person declined calling 911. I recommended to Person that if his ankle keeps hurting to go see a doctor. He decided to stay in the gym to ice his foot, so I told him that if he changes his mind about us calling 911, to just let us know.</p>
<p>Right at the start of class, Person had a seizure that lasted about 45 seconds to a minute. She didn't fall or injure herself, she remained in her seat the entire time. I sat with her and saw she was coming out of it and she was able to talk to me and verify that she was OK. I checked back with her during class and again via email later, and she said that she was OK. No ambulance was called or other response was necessary. I followed person's directives regarding my response to this.</p>
<p>Participant was serving a volleyball and upon landing felt that she had rolled her ankle. Two of the participant's friends approached the fitness instructors/supervisors asking for ice. One person went to retrieve ice while the others attended to the participant. The participant was able to walk and was definitive in not needing an EMT. The participant was not visibly in pain and just requested ice.</p>
<p>Person fell during hockey practice and injured his shoulder. Date of Incident 1/31/22</p>
<p>Person was driving to her classroom placement in Lamont when she rolled her vehicle. She has a strained neck and concussion but is ok.</p>
<p>Person was playing volleyball on the URC volleyball court when she sustained her injury. She stated that she jumped up to block a volleyball, but when she came down, landed on another person's foot. This unbalanced landing resulted in her straining/spraining her left ankle/foot area. We asked her if she needed us to call an ambulance, she said she did not. She did however take a bag of ice. One of the other URC employees on shift at the time helped to assist her out of the fitness center and to her dormitory across the street.</p>
<p>Cut finger setting up the tofflemier matrix. Felt woozy on site of blood. Thought was going to pass out. O2 received.</p>
<p>Person went up for a ball, on the way down slipped and lost her balance. When she tried to catch herself she put all of her weight on her wrist and landed on it. A First Aid Attendant noticed that it instantly started swelling and turning colors and administered ice.</p>
<p>During rugby match the patient fell to the ground hitting the back of their head. The patient complained of a lot of pain and blurry vision. The play was stopped and emergency services were contacted.</p>
<p>Organizing Instruments, poked finger.</p>
<p>Participant's friend came to me and asked for ice. Person was sitting on the basketball court floor after twisting his ankle playing basketball. I asked if he wanted us to call the paramedics and have them come check him out. I told him that it would be free for them to come look at his ankle, and it would only cost if he left in the ambulance with them. He declined the offer to call paramedics, and decided to stay in the basketball court with his friends. I recommended if it gets worse going to Rockwood walk in and that it was free to students.</p>

What are the Most Common Potential Safety Hazard(s) that you Encounter



I Know the Location of the Following in my Immediate Work Area



I Know how to Respond to the Following Emergencies

