

May 2015 Safety Statistics

During the month of May there were a total of 4 injuries involving employees. 4 of the 4 injuries resulted in Workers' Comp claims. Injuries consisted of: (3) contusion and (1) strain to the back.



Turn Around, Don't Drown

Due to the recent river flooding here are some safety tips to keep you and your family safe.

- Stay informed by monitoring local radio and television stations along with internet and social media.
- Do not walk through flood water. It only takes six inches of moving water to knock you off your feet.
- Do not drive into flooded roadways or around a barricade. Turn Around, Don't Drown! Water may be deeper than it appears and can hide objects
- Don't go into a basement or any room, if water covers the electrical outlets or if cords are submerged. If you see sparks or hear buzzing, crackling, snapping or popping noises get out the water may have electricity in it.
- If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Be sure to lock your home as you leave. If you have time disconnect utilities and appliances.
- Get out of areas subject to flooding and get to higher ground immediately
- If you come in contact with floodwaters, wash your hands with soap and disinfected water.
- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams, rivers or creeks, particularly during threatening conditions.

What does this mean?



Texas State University houses numerous chemicals in teaching/research labs, shops, custodial closets, chill water plants, etc... The hazards of these chemicals range in severity from low to high. Some places where chemicals are kept are high use areas and thus increase the risk of a chemical spill. Members of the Office of Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management (EHSRM), with assistance from the University Police Department (UPD), serve as an initial chemical spill response team. To assist these responders in deciding how to deal with a chemical spill, the main entrances to some areas have been marked with a NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) fire diamond sticker. The sticker helps determine what, if any, special equipment should be used, procedures followed, or precautions taken during the initial stages of a spill response. For further details about this marking program please contact Chad Thomas at 245-3616 or ct20@txstate.edu.

