

# Environmental Health and Safety

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## Injury Prevention

### Did you Know?

In 2013, 56 people were killed on the job in Washington.

Workplace fatality and illness rates have been reduced more than 66% since 1970.

For every recordable incident ten near-miss incidents occur.

25% of all incidents at Clark College are slip, trip, and fall.

26% of all incidents at Clark College are related to ergonomics.

On average, there are 16 workers' compensation claims per year at Clark College.  
(data from 2005-2014)



Every office has a potential hazard lurking within. Cords running across the floor, blocked fire extinguishers, daisy chains (multiple extension cords/power strips/surge protectors linked together), books or boxes stacked too high, appliances plugged into power strips, or other general housekeeping issues. All of these may seem innocent at first glance, however they are actually serious safety hazards. Loose cords can pose a tripping hazard, daisy chains are a fire hazard, and piles of items can fall over for a myriad of reasons.

Near misses are situations that could have resulted in an injury but did not. These could be anything from a puddle of water on the ground to an object sticking out into a walkway. It is important to correct near miss situations as soon as possible so that injuries do not occur.

## What You Can Do

Increasing attention to your surroundings can help identify possible hazards and help correct them. If you see a hazard, report it or correct it if possible.

Paying attention to your body is as important as paying attention to workspace hazards. Understanding how your body moves, keeping good posture, and remembering to lift objects properly are some ways to keep yourself healthy and safe.

## Incident Reporting

EHS (Environmental Health and Safety), manages all incident reporting at the college.

The general steps for injury reporting are as follows:

1. Report any injury to a supervisor or faculty member as soon as possible
2. Supervisors contact EHS immediately
3. Fill out all necessary forms
4. Seek medical attention if needed

For specific instructions and forms visit:

[EHS website](#)



## Resources

### Facilities Services Requests:

992-2336

[fservices@clark.edu](mailto:fservices@clark.edu)

### Security Information:

992-2133

[rsecurity@clark.edu](mailto:rsecurity@clark.edu)

[Saif \(Oregon\)](#)

[WA Labor and Industries](#)

[OSHA Common Statistics](#)

[WA LNI Claim Information Center](#)

[Healthy People: Injury Prevention](#)

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**Don't learn safety by accident**