

### **University Safety Committee Minutes**

Date: December 22, 2021

**Time:** 13:00 to 13:40 Zoom

Chair:

Chad Johnson

Members Present:

Dave Meany, Drew Ayers; Dave Sundstrom

Members Absent:

Gabe Palomarez, Christy Olivei

Guest:

The USC met September 23, 2021 at 14:300

- I. Call to Order:
- a. Introductions
- b. Review of University Safety Committee Charter
- c. Selection of Committee Chair: Chad Johnson was selected
- II. Mandatory Agenda Items: (WAC 296-800-13020) 30 Minutes
- a. Review Safety and Health Inspection Reports (Chad Johnson)
- b. Evaluation of Accident Investigation Reports (Chad Johnson)
- c. Evaluation of Workplace Accident & Illness Prevention Program (Chad Johnson)

Items A, B and C Combined.

Significant employee and student incidents, from the third quarters 2021 were provided.

- III. New Business; COVID-19 response and what's happing.
- IV. Members comments: None
- V Adjourn 13:40

# Employee Incidents September 2, 2021 to December 21, 2021

in words" vacuuming stairs and missed a step and fell backwards 4-5 steps" reported 9/2/21
, employee, went to to let him know she was choking on a pill. I was in a zoom with Russ,
he asked me to come to his office. Jan was outside of her office. when I spoke with her she said she choked on a pill
and needed to go to the hospital. I asked if she wanted an ambulance. she said "no" that she wanted someone to
drive her in. to the hospital.
I was pulling garbage to take outside there was like a snot rocket with blood and I got it on my hand I have no open
wounds and cleaned once happened that reported to a supervisor
We were standing in front of Streeter hall for move in, and since there were no cars coming in we were standing there
hanging out. I was looking in a red bin and saw a bead in there, and leaned over in the cart to grab it, as I was leaning
over, my feet came off the ground, and that caused the cart to tip over on its side and my head hit the concrete
through the canvas of the bin.  Pulling hot dogs out of steamer steam was not clear of oven and steamed burned left arm and wrist,
Hot turkey juice spilled over the edge of a pan and onto my right foot. Soaked through my shoes immediately.
tried to step off the PUB loading dock (approx 3' off the ground) caught her foot on the rubber bumper just
below the edge causing her to stumble. Landed on the pavement below on her right knee. She said she heard a
popping sound. Pepsi truck driver heard her call out, ran out of his trailer on other side of dock, saw her, and yelled
into the kitchen for help. I came out and called 911 at 8:37am. Cheney Fire Dept and EWU Campus Police arrived first.
Ambulance arrived at approx 9:35 and took Heather to a hospital in Spokane to be evaluated.
Burnt his right hand while working on the pizza station. He iced his right hand down.
While pushing the security gate into the storage section in the wall, I caught my shoe on the track that guides the gate
causing me to fall forward and twist my leg. Pain on left side of knee extending up side of leg, also around the front of
the knee and back of leg. Hurts to bend leg while walking or sitting. Will seek medical advice.
Moving recycling, trying to lift and hurt arm. Arm was hurt months ago at work (no incident report for that)
pain in Arm Hand and Wrist
burnt her right hand, while working the pizza station, Hot pizza pan fell to the floor and Aspen bent over to pick
up the pizza pan, and burnt her right hand. Aspen ran cold water over the burned area, then applied a bag of ice.
Scraped left hand on 1st aid kit hanging on the wall while pushing a full ladder rack through the kitchen.
I was taking boxes of fruit (3lb) off the top shelf in the cooler. One fell and hit me in the head.
Checking in product from a delivery from Charlie's Produce, cut finger with box knife while opening box.
While performing Defensive Tactics training, I hyper-extended my elbow. Officer was demonstrating a weapon
retention and using me as his partner. During the exercise, my arm was caught in a position where it was locked
straight. Officer moved his body to perform the demonstration and my elbow extended further, causing it to
pop.
While climbing into the golf cart to travel to Hargreaves Hall for the BOT Dinner, I hit my head on the rear view mirror.
Felt my head and nothing seemed amiss. Finished my work shift and went home. Felt my head and again and noticed
some dried blood and a bit of a scratch. Came to work the next morning and asked a co-worker how it looked. They said it was about 2 inches long.
I was carrying a box of toilet paper in the bathroom and the door slammed shut hitting my elbow
Missed last step or two and ended up on my knees and hands on the basement floor.
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 pretty
consistently this last week of work. 11/2-11/5/2021
Lifting a drain pan from steam kettles and pulled my back out on left side, Washing dishes
artain a drain part from securit receips and parted my sack out of receipted washing alones

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As I was closing the right semi door, the chain that is used to hold the door open got caught in the left lock. As we were trying to get the left lock to release, tension was being created on the right lock. It was then that the right lock popped open do to the excess tension that swung out and hit me across the right side of my face and caused the laceration above my right brow.

Trying to catch a ball that was punted in my direction, I am an athletic trainer and was covering practice and unfortunate incidents like this happen all the time. nature of the job and being out at a football practice.

Yesterday I unloaded a pallet of Pepsi products in the ware house onto a kart and pushed it to Einstein's to load our Pepsi cooler. It was very heavy but I thought it wouldn't be a problem since I have done this sort of thing many times. I got to the Pepsi cooler and unloaded a little bit of it and we got a rush of customers so I had to push the remainder on the kart into the kitchen, I felt a strain on my lower right side of my back but it didn't seem like anything serious. Later when we slowed down I pushed the kart back out and unloaded the rest of the products finished out my work day and woke up this morning in a great deal of pain in the lower right side of my back. It is a constant pinching pain and is making it breathing normally a discomfort.

Tripped over floor matt, and her left elbow hit the metal table. Left elbow is red. We have applied ice to the elbow.

I fell in the classroom during a student activity. I injured my knee and right middle finger, broke my nose (not broken), and gouged my face.

Performing the administrative functions of my position and the using the computer keyboard to type and complete the required duties each day. I started experiencing noticeable tingling and sporadic nerve pain from my wrists to my finger tips on both hands. These sensations occur on a daily basis and multiple times during the day, and have continually increased over the last month.

I was in M23 walking from my office M23A towards the sink inside M23. As I was walking past outside M23C office, I felt something blocking my below knee and I fell. It turned out it was a transparent chair mat that was originally leaned against some boxes outside M23C office, but it fell over onto the floor blocking the passage way outside of M23C office. My right arm hit the floor, and the elbow sustains an abrasion with minor bleeding. My right knee also hit the floor but it only sustains a scratch.

#### Student Incidents September 1, 2021 to December 21, 2021

Student was playing on the basketball court and got elbowed in the face. The student received a laceration on their right cheek causing large amounts of blood to come from the wound. Workers gave basic first aid by giving the student a gauze to put on the laceration. The fire department was called. They looked at the student and recommended that the student take the ambulance to the emergency room but the student chose to have a friend drive them instead.

After completing NSPT & cleaning up my unit I noticed a small cut at the base of my Left Middle Finger. I am unsure if this happened during clinic or if I arrived with the injury. Class Activity

Student was playing basketball in the basketball court. As he was paying, he jumped for the ball and landed on is right ankle poorly. Student was able to walk to the front desk and approached us asking for ice. We informed him that we needed to write an incident report to provide ice. He was in noticeable pain, but was able to leave the facility on his own. No emergency services were called.

was participation in an intermission game during the hockey game. She slipped and hit her head on the ice. She was wearing a helmet, but the helmet slipped off. When she hit her head, it cause a cut and was slightly bleeding. She was diagnosed for concussion symptoms, all test came back negative. She was instructed to monitor symptoms and if they worsened to seek medical attention. Her cut was treated and she was given ice.

felt fluid splash under his goggles, possibly into his left eye. We used the eyewash station to flush both eyes and his eyes now feel and look fine, no changes in vision or any other symptoms. Cadaver Juice

At the Homecoming Blood Drive in the NCR, gave blood for the first time. After she was done, she was walking to the snack table where she set her belongings on the table and then proceeded to lose consciousness. She passed out, falling backwards and hitting the back of her head on the ground. After she regained consciousness, the Vitalant worker took vitals and had her lay on the ground for 30 minutes, while sipping juice and eating pretzels. It was then that mentioned that she had not eaten prior to giving blood. After the 30 minutes, the Vitalant worker helped sit up on the ground, where she remained for another 30 minutes until she was transported to a chair. Not long after being transported to the chair, began to vomit, which lasted another hour. Because she hit her head while she passed out, the Vitalant staff kept a close eye on her and continued to monitor symptoms. After a certain point, he made a call to the Vitalant Doctor, who advised us to call Paramedics, as was showing signs of a concussion. Around 1 pm EMS was called and then arrived around 1:20 PM and assessed her for signs of a concussion. EMS determined that should be transported to the hospital (Deaconess in downtown Spokane) to be further assessed. She left for the hospital at about 1:35 PM. Her family was meeting her at the hospital. The EWU officer also informed me that they had another student they responded to this afternoonwas not transported, she was assessed for nausea and dizziness. The EWU officer made a report on this incident, but he wanted me to be aware. No Food

was going up for a catch/interception with other participants and jammed his finger. When he came off the field he said that he could no move his finger and it looked like the top knuckle was dislocated. Football

The individual was playing volleyball with a group of friends in the basketball court in the URC. The individual was running and rolled his left ankle while playing. Another participant approached me and told me about this individual. I approached to obtain the student's credentials and asked about the situation. The individual asked for ice and I provided it for him. The individual was able to walk out of the facility.

I was participating in a wheelchair practice activity, going up a ramp my wheelchair wheel did not grip and stop, causing my radius to hit my wheelchair wheel lock Class Activity

I was walking to Patterson Hall on a different route than normal cause of construction when I lost my balance and fell on my knee; scraping it and bruising my hand. Just walking

Polled hand with bur ??? Class Activity

While participating in a wheelchair experience for lab, I was trying to access a w/c accessible bathroom as part of our assignment. This bathroom did not have an automatic door, so while trying to enter the bathroom my hand was smacked against the door very hard and resulted in immediate swelling and hard bump on the outside of my hand. Class Activity

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was playing basketball with his friends and tripped over his own feet and caught himself on the wall while
hitting his head against it. we gave the participant ice and offered to call 911. we informed him it was free for them to
check him out but would only cost if he left with them. he told us he might go down to rockwood. we recommenced
he see a health professional. participant decided to sit in the basketball court to see if it would get better.
The individual was playing basketball in the court. As he went for the ball he jammed his right hand into the basketball
resulting in pain. The individual asked for a bag of ice, but overall was fine. The individual stayed in the basketball
court and watched games afterwards.
Individual came up and hurt her thumb. We then gave her ice for her thumb. Volleyball
Jumping while playing basketball in the gym and rolled his ankle.
Floor staff were notified of a participant, (Alumni M-Was lying on the floor mat of the
Fitness Center gymnasium. Floor staff rushed over to check on, he was awake upon initial encounter. Staff
asked him if he had any medical conditions, he said he did not. Staff asked if he needed anything, he said water so
staff grabbed him two cups of water. Staff then asked if he needed paramedics, to which he stated he did not.
mentioned that he ate his last meal on 11/28 at 10:00pm, and as of today (11/29) he had not had any food,
only milk and juice. One staff member (Staff 1) waited with him while another staff member grabbed a pack of fruit
snacks for to eat. After eating the package of fruit snacks, Staff 1 waited with until he became well
enough to stand up and leave. After leaving the Fitness Center, another employee watched to make sure
made it to his car and left the parking garage safely, which he did. left the Fitness Center around 8:05pm No
Food Control of the C
Jumped up and came down on someone's foot which sprained it. Basketball
I was walking around my truck on my way to get into the drivers seat. As I walked past the front left section of my
truck, I suddenly slipped on the snow & ice. This fall happened very fast and unexpectedly. While falling, I struck the
back left side of my head which pushed my head forward and I heard an audible cracking/crunching sound in my neck
and simultaneously my top teeth slammed down on my lower teeth. The lower part of my body then hit the ground
around my left posterior. I did a self check before gathering myself and getting into my vehicle. I was happy that my
neck and teeth were fine. However, I had discomfort and swelling with an abrasion and scratch on it. My lower back
and left posterior/hip area was sore as well. Parking lot
Slipped when putting on suit. Popped knee cap out. Age of person 11. Aquatics