

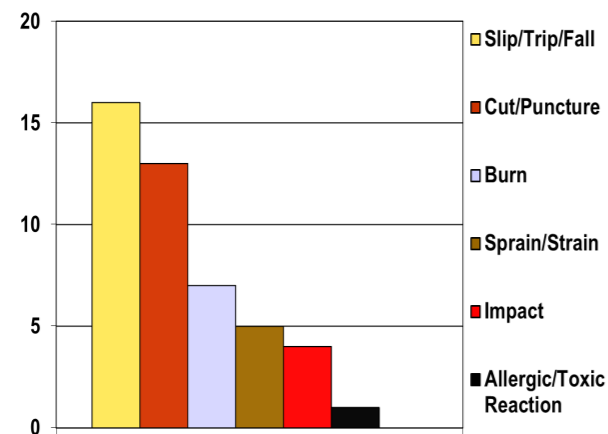
## Why should I care about STF's?

- Slips, trips, and falls account for ~ **8.9 million** visits to the emergency department each year
- Falls are the **second-leading cause of unintentional death** in homes and communities

### Did you know?

At PLU, 35% of all reported injuries were caused by STF's in 2016.

INCIDENT / INJURY REPORT  
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016  
By Injury Type



## What causes STF's?

- Obstacles
- Design flaws
- Slippery surfaces
- Impaired mental or physical condition

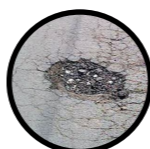
## Where do STF's happen?

- Doorways
- Ramps
- Clutter hallways
- Areas with heavy traffic
- Uneven surfaces
- Wet surfaces
- Unguarded heights
- Unstable work surfaces
- Ladders and stairs
- Areas without enough lighting

# Slips, Trips, and Falls

Presented by the PLU Safety Committee

## How can I help prevent STF's?



Stay Safe 24/7



## What if I get injured from a slip, trip, or fall?

The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries requires employers to record work related injuries and illnesses. If you are injured while working at PLU, please complete an **Injury Report**. The injury report alerts the university that there may be a claim to process. It also alerts the Environmental Health & Safety Manager and Safety Committee to possible hazards.



# Safety matters

### Safety Committee Mission Statement

The University Safety Committee is dedicated to a safe and healthy campus environment, engaging the PLU community in its work to solve problems and initiate change.



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