

SAFETY FIRST!



Don't learn safety by accident

January 2017

Rainy River District School Board

Safety Talk—Travis Enge

Happy New Year! It is quite cold out as of the writing of this newsletter. Please make sure you bundle up with appropriate clothing and footwear when required to work outside. As you will see below, most of our incidents were due to slips trips and falls (STF). Try as we might, snow removal and sanding is never perfect so please watch for slippery areas.

Good news on our safety performance in December. We did not have any recordable incidents! (lost time or medical aid) We have not had an recordable incident since November 21, 2016 when a person suffered a slip and fell getting out of their truck where there was still ice in the parking lot. That is 24 school days injury free and is where we want to be. Keep it up!

So far this school year, we have had a total of 69 incidents which is double the 33 we had during the same time period last school year. The good news is that people are likely reporting all incidents which is a good thing. The reality is though, that we are getting injured more this year then last. The main issue this year has been STF which account for over half of our visits to the hospital and a third of our total incidents. Eliminating STF would mean 6 people would not have needed treatment at a hospital. Below is information on avoiding STF. Lets make this our focus for the rest of the winter.

Next month, we will refresh on our Internal Responsibility System (IRS). There is an IRS quiz on the back/page 2. People who answer all questions correctly will be entered into a draw for a S'Well water bottle.

Tips to Prevent Slips, Trips, and Falls

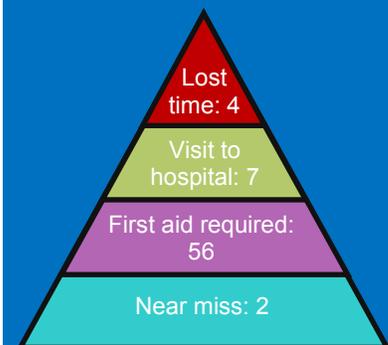
- Wear proper footwear with good treads.
- Fix loose or curled carpets, mats and floor tiles.
- Make sure lighting is bright enough to see properly.
- Mark walkway slopes and changes of levels.
- Secure trailing cables.
- Keep floors clean and dry.
- Wipe up spills quickly.
- Keep aisles and walkways clear of clutter and obstacles.
- Clear snow and ice from walkways.
- Watch for holes, cracks, or uneven, rough areas on walkways.
- Take extra care on steps or painted wood or concrete surfaces that could be slippery.
- Be aware of icy and snowy conditions.



If you have a story regarding safety within the board that you would like to share, please let us know. It could be something you learned or noticed, something that could be done better, or recognizing someone who is always a role model when it comes to safety.
Email: travis.enge@mail.rrdsb.com

Board statistics

There have been 69 reported incidents as of Jan. 9, resulting in:



Congratulations to

Robert Guertin, Maureen Knowles, and Maureen Hayward

who were the winners of our "Name the Newsletter" contest .

Our board-wide health and safety newsletter will now be known as:

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They have each won a S' well water bottle.

Thanks to everyone who submitted ideas.

"Together, we empower all students to believe in themselves, to achieve, and to dream."

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**RAINY RIVER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
INCIDENT/ACCIDENT SUMMARY**



Current Year - September 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Location	Severity				Total	Incident Type						
	LT	MA	IN	NM		STF	SBA	SBC	MS	CA	VI	OTHER
Total	4	7	56	2	69	22	6	2	8	30	-	1
Severity	LT					1	-	-	3	-	-	-
	MA					5	1	1	-	-	-	-
	IN					16	5	1	5	29	-	-
	NM					-	-	-	-	1	-	1

Last Years Comparison - September 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Location	Severity				Total	Incident Type						
	LT	MA	IN	NM		STF	SBA	SBC	MS	CA	VI	OTHER
Total	-	7	26	-	33	5	8	1	5	11	-	3
Severity	LT					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MA					-	2	1	2	-	-	2
	IN					5	6	-	3	11	-	1
	NM					-	-	-	-	-	-	-

LT	Lost Time - Time missed after day of injury.	STF	Slip, Trip, Fall
MA	Medical Aid - Visit to hospital.	SBA	Struck By, Struck Against
IN	Incident - First aid required or physical contact.	SBC	Shock, Burn, Cut
NM	Near Miss - No physical contact but close call.	MS	Musculoskeletal
		CA	Child Aggression
		VI	Violent Incident
		OTHER	Allergic Reaction, Other

IRS QUIZ

1. List 6 keys to a successful IRS.
2. Within an organizations IRS, who has direct responsibility for Health and Safety?
3. What should a successful implementation of an IRS result in?
4. Within and organization, what committee has a key contributive part?
5. Outside an organization, what organizations can assist the IRS?

Email your answers into Heather Latter (heather.latter@mail.rrdsb.com).

Everyone who answers all questions correctly will be entered into a draw for a S'Well water bottle.

A hint to help you with the quiz is to visit the Ontario Ministry of Labour website: www.labour.gov.on.ca