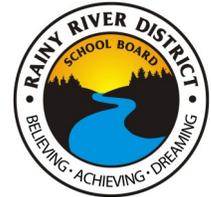


# SAFETY FIRST!



*Don't learn safety by accident*

December 2017

Rainy River District School Board

## Safety Talk—Travis Enge

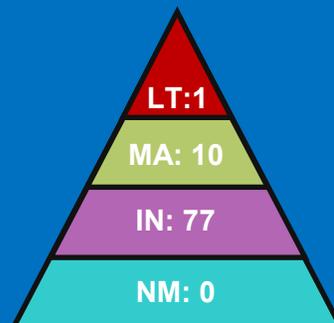
November started out really well. We did not have any recordable injuries. Then during the last half of the month, we had several incidents:

- November 21— a worker was pushed by a student.
- November 22 — an employee tripped over a student who stopped suddenly.
- November 23 — a worker tripped on a student's untied shoelace.
- November 25 — an employee slipped on a wet floor from snowy boots.
- November 30 — a worker slipped on syrup on the floor.

Coincidentally, a year ago, in November, we also had a rough month with 2 LT and 2 MA. Statistically, November is one of our worst months for injury, but December is our best month. In the last three years, we only had one recordable injury. That is great news! So let's stay safe before Christmas, check those smoke alarm batteries and have a safe and happy holiday!!

### Board statistics

There have been a total of 88 reported incidents this year as of Nov. 30, resulting in:



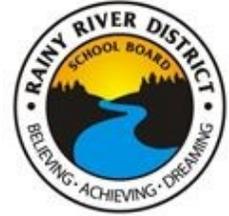
If you have a story regarding safety within the Board that you would like to share, please let us know. It could be something you learned or noticed, something that could be done better, or recognizing someone who is always a role model when it comes to safety.

## *The 12 Days of Holiday Safety*

1. Prepare your home for the holidays – and safety. Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector, smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.
2. Make a plan. Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations.
3. Think about special needs. Establish a personal support network who understand your personal needs. Write down details about accommodation needs, allergies, family medical history, medical conditions, etc.
4. Decorate with safety in mind. Never leave burning candles unattended and keep them away from children and pets, decorations and wrapping paper.
5. Make your tree safe. When buying a real tree, check that it is fresh. Water the tree daily - trees can consume up to four litres of water a day.
6. Keep lights bright. Only use lights that have been certified by a recognized organization such as CSA, ULC or C-UL.
7. Choose appropriate toys. Always follow age recommendations when choosing toys for children.
8. Get ready for severe winter weather. Blizzards, ice storms, and high winds can develop quickly.
9. Prepare your car for an emergency. Install winter tires and make sure windshield washer fluid is always topped up. Prepare a kit to keep in your vehicle in case of an emergency.
10. Prevent illness. Protect yourself and others from getting the flu. A flu shot is the safest and most effective way to prevent infection, to reduce the severity of your symptoms if you do get sick, and to keep from spreading the virus to others.
11. Learn first aid. Knowing first aid could save a life.
12. Know the risks. Across Canada, we face a number of hazards. Knowing the risks where you are can help you better prepare and eliminate stress... especially during the holiday season.

From Public Safety Canada

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



**Current Year - September 1, 2017 - November 30, 2017**

Severity				Total	Incident Type						
LT	MA	IN	NM		STF	SBA	SBC	MS	CA	VI	OTHER
1	10	77	-	88	13	-	2	3	66	-	4
Severity	LT	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MA	4	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
	IN	8	-	1	1	63	-	-	-	-	4
	NM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Last Years Comparison - September 1, 2016 - November 30, 2017**

Severity				Total	Incident Type						
LT	MA	IN	NM		STF	SBA	SBC	MS	CA	VI	OTHER
4	7	36	2	49	12	4	2	7	23	-	1
Severity	LT	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MA	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	IN	6	3	1	4	22	-	-	-	-	-
	NM	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

LT	Lost Time - Time missed after day of injury.
MA	Medical Aid - Visit to hospital.
IN	Incident - First aid required or physical contact.
NM	Near Miss - No physical contact but close call.

STF	Slip, Trip, Fall
SBA	Struck By, Struck Against
SBC	Shock, Burn, Cut
MS	Musculoskeletal
CA	Child Aggression
VI	Violent Incident
OTHER	Allergic Reaction, Other

**Please report any Board employees that you**

**CAUGHT WORKING**



**Caught Working Safely in November were:**

Ed Belluz (Ed Centre), Sherri Kreger (RVS), Dawn Masson (AHS), Greg McKay (FFHS), Patty McNally (Ed Centre), Melissa Miller (NSCS), Shaunna Sekulich (NSCS), and Lynette Smith (NSCS).

Greg McKay and Patty McNally were the winners of the draw for a hoodie or duffle bag, while the other nominees and their nominators received a smaller prize.

Congratulations to these staff members for working safely.

To nominate someone you “Caught Working Safely,” send an email to Heather Latter providing:

- the name of the person you caught working safely,
- what they were doing that prompted you to send in an email,
- what you said to them to thank them, and
- your name.

*“Together, we empower all students to believe in themselves, to achieve, and to dream.”*

This publication is available in accessible formats upon request.