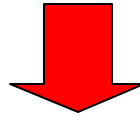


- You do not put one hand on the handrail when ascending or descending stairs.
- You are carrying a large box up and down stairs.
- You are rushing while ascending or descending stairs.

THIS MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOU



Incident Description

- Contractor recordable incident trends indicate that this is a problem.
- This is in the top 4 unsafe behaviors based on GATOR observation data.
- GATOR observation data show that people are not putting their hands on the handrail 50% of the time, and are carrying large objects the other 50% of the time.
- GATOR observation data for this unsafe behavior has not improved over time even with increased awareness.

What Went Wrong

- No hand(s) on the handrail
- Running or skipping steps
- Slippery steps not taken into consideration
- Carrying heavy load in both hands
- Carrying load that obstructs view of path
- Not paying attention to path at bottom of stairs

Lessons Learned

- Consolidate what you are carrying as much as possible
- Consider using backpacks or alternative means of carrying tools or equipment (i.e., bags, tape, etc.)
- Square or rectangular cardboard boxes should be eliminated or put a handle on the box (see picture), so it can be carried with one hand.
- Remember to keep bags/boxes down while near helicopters.
- Keep handrails clean, so personnel want to use them.
- Keep pathways clear at bottom of stairs.

- Ordering Information:

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