



## ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY, AND RECYCLING OFFICE

To the University Community:

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) states “Slips, trips, and falls constitute the majority of general industry accidents. They cause 15% of all accidental deaths, and are second only to motor vehicles as a cause of employee fatalities.”

The Western New England University Safety Committee would like to highlight a few proactive steps you can take in order to help prevent these debilitating accidents from occurring on Campus.

1. Keep your work areas clean and organized. Pay particular attention to walkways, doorways and stairways.
2. Always be aware of your surroundings.
3. Correct hazardous conditions immediately if it is safe to do so. If it is not safe for you to do so then report the condition to Public Safety or Facilities Management.
4. Report, or clean up, liquid spills on the floor immediately.
5. Wear (or have a pair available to change into) the appropriate footwear for the weather conditions and your job duties. At certain times of the year a short walk across campus, or from a parking lot, can be treacherous in the wrong footwear.
6. Always walk in the forward direction and keep your eyes focused out ahead, and on the terrain.
7. Do not attempt to carry more than you can handle. Consider this both in terms of an item’s weight, and the overall number of items.

Thank you for your cooperation.