

LaRC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

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FY 2003 - Civil Servants



() = Number of new occurrences

OSHA Recordable Cases = Fatalities, Lost Time, Incidents and Restricted Work Incidents.
Incidents = Cases in which more than first aid treatment is required, but less than 8 hours of time is lost.
Restricted Work Incidents = Cases requiring first aid treatment, resulting in light duty restrictions.

Injury/Mishap Information

- The Center has been **244** days **without** a Civil Servant **Lost Time Injury. (Record is 251 days without a lost time accident)**
- **OSHA Restricted Work Incident** - A SEC employee sustained a lower back injury while bending over to retrieve a tool, resulting in 7 restricted work days. The employee was reminded to use proper bending techniques in the future.
- **OSHA Recordable Incidents** (OSHA Recordable because a prescription strength pain reliever was administered.)
 - An OHR employee sustained a lower back contusion after slipping on ice in a parking lot.
 - An AirSC employee sustained a lower back injury after slipping on ice in a parking lot.
- The following first aid cases involving civil servants were reported:
 - A SMC employee sustained contusions to the head, hands, and buttocks after slipping on ice in a parking lot.
 - An AirSC employee sustained a finger laceration while drilling a hole in a piece of wood. The drill bit caused the piece of wood, which was not clamped in place, to rotate and strike the employee.
 - A SEC employee sustained a puncture wound to a finger while removing parts from a plastic package. The employee's finger struck a staple in the package.



NOTE: Three of the above injuries were a result of the recent icy/snowy weather conditions. Employees are reminded to be alert to the slippery walking surfaces during this type of weather, especially when exiting vehicles. Avoid icy/snow patches and assure you have a firm footing, take short steps, and use handrails, when possible.



Safety Topic of the Month - Laser Safety - To ensure laser safety, employees shall not operate a laser system without proper eye protection; point a laser (including laser pointer) at a reflective surface or another individual; leave an operating laser system unattended; or disable/bypass safety features, such as interlocks.