

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 **272** days **without** a Civil Servant **Lost Time Injury**. **(This is the current record, exceeding the previous record of 251 days)**
- **OSHA Restricted Incident** - While opening a gate to the Building 1244 tarmac, allowing a vehicle to exit, a SEC employee's right foot became pinned under a portion of the gate as a result of the heel of a shoe becoming lodged. The employee incurred a sprained ankle, resulting in 7 restricted workdays. Review of the gate determined no defects or hazards. The employee was cautioned to be more alert in the future.
- The following first aid case involving a civil servant was reported:
 - An AAAC employee sustained a laceration on the finger while assisting in loading a bookcase onto a vehicle. The bookcase glass broke, striking the employee.



Safety Topic of the Month - Hazard Recognition - It is every employee's responsibility to work safely, therefore you should make it a habit to check out your area, prior to beginning work, to ensure no hazards are present. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I have the right tools/equipment for the job?
- Are my tools/equipment in good condition? Do they need repair?
- Do I need personal protective equipment (e.g., safety glasses, gloves, etc.)?
- Are all necessary equipment guards in place?
- Are written procedures followed?
- Can I handle the task by myself or do I require assistance?
- Have I received the appropriate training/certification?

