In the event that you have a work-related injury or illness:

1. Report your injury or illness to your direct supervisor or their designee.

2. Complete the Employee section of the Employee Injury/Illness Report and have your supervisor or their designee complete the Supervisor section. For a contaminated sharps injury, also complete a Sharps Injury Log. These forms are available on Hospital intranet under “Forms”.

3. Seek medical attention if needed:
   - Report to Employee Health & Wellness (or the ED during off hours or in a life-threatening emergency).
   - Employee Health & Wellness or the ED will complete the Medical Information section of the Employee Injury/Illness Report.
   - Tell your doctor or practitioner that your injury is work-related.
   - If you have not received medical attention at this time, this must be noted on the form.


5. Notify the NYS Accident Reporting System (ARS) Monday to Friday from 9 AM - 9 PM at 888-800-0029.

6. Notify your supervisor or designee and Timekeeping of any time off due to the workplace injury/illness.

7. If you are losing time from work due to a work related injury/illness, medical documentation must be provided from your health care practitioner to Timekeeping (fax: 444–5822). The note from the practitioner should state you are disabled due to a work-related injury and provide an estimated date of return.

8. Report any incidents involving medical equipment to Biomedical Engineering (444-1420).


Important: In order for the State Insurance Fund to evaluate your case for payment of Workers’ Compensation wage replacement benefits and medical bills, you must submit an Employee Injury/Illness Report in a timely matter and notify ARS. If you will be out of work, you must also provide a medical report from your practitioner stating you have a work-related disability.

“You Got Caught Being Safe” Program
Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) has a safety recognition program to acknowledge staff for performing safe acts and/or promoting a safety culture at the hospital. If you would like to nominate a staff member for this recognition, please email EH&S at yvonne.walsh@stonybrookmedicine.edu and provide the person’s name, department, supervisor and details on why they are deserving.

For Further Information, Please Contact:

Timekeeping (Hospital Workers’ Compensation): 4-4377
Employee Health & Wellness: 4-7767
Environmental Health & Safety: 4-6783

Reference: Administrative Policy HR:0016, Employee Occupational Injury/Illness Reporting

The Key to Safety is in YOUR Hands.
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The most prevalent types of injuries and illnesses that impact our hospital staff are:

1. **Contaminated Sharps** (e.g., needlesticks)
2. **Ergonomic Sprains** (patient handling, trash handling, and handling or transporting supplies or equipment)
3. **Lacerations, Contusions and Sprains** (slips, trips, falls, and impact)
4. **Workplace Violence injuries** during patient care

In order to reduce our injuries and illnesses, we must ALL actively participate in injury prevention:

- Ensure the sharps safety feature is fully activated and immediately dispose any used sharps into a sharps container.
- When handling heavy equipment or supplies, use available equipment or ask for assistance.
- Always plan for the patient lift, repositioning or transfer prior to taking action and use the proper safe patient handling equipment.
- Be careful and alert to your surroundings. If you see spillage or wet floors, take immediate action to remediate. Post wet floor signs, if necessary.
- Secure loose wires to minimize tripping hazards.
- Familiarize and follow occupational safety policies which are posted on the Hospital’s intranet.
- Avoid rushing as you or others may be injured.
- Always wear required personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, gown or N95 respirator.
- Know the location of your department’s emergency equipment including the fire alarm pull station, fire extinguisher, oxygen shut off valve, spill kit, eyewash/safety shower, (when applicable) and power outage box.
- If you see something, say something. Report unsafe conditions to your supervisor, Environmental Health & Safety (4-6783), or University Police (911) immediately.

Workplace Violence Prevention Tips:

Watch for signals that may that may be associated with impending violence:
- Verbally expressed anger and frustration,
- Body language such as threatening gestures,
- Signs of drug or alcohol use, and/or
- Presence of a weapon.

Maintain behavior that helps diffuse anger:
- Present a calm, caring attitude.
- Don’t match the threat.
- Don’t give orders.
- Acknowledge the person’s feelings.
- Avoid behavior that may be interpreted as aggressive (moving rapidly, getting to close, touching or speaking loudly).

Be alert:
- Evaluate each situation for signs of escalating behavior which could lead to violence when entering a room or relating to a patient or visitor.
- Be vigilant throughout the encounter.
- Don’t isolate yourself with a potentially violent person.
- Always keep an open path for exiting. Don’t let the potentially violent person stand between you and the exit.

Take these steps if you can’t defuse the situation quickly:
- Remove yourself from the situation.
- Call University Police from a hospital phone at 911 or 631-632-3333 on a cell phone.
- Report any violent incident to your supervisor and complete the Workplace Violence Incident Report available on the Hospital intranet.

Did you know that in a typical year.....

- **About 800 Employee Injury/Illness Reports are filed by our staff!**
- **Due to these injuries and illnesses, our employees were unavailable to provide patient care and services for approximately 15,000 days!**