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WORKER'S COMPENSATION

The First Report of Incident is now electronic! RMS is excited to launch the digital version of the First Report of Incident. Supervisors should use this form to report all injuries to Risk Management & Safety. This form can be accessed on RMS's [Worker's Compensation](#) page.

SAFETY CORNER

Radon Gas

Radon gas is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that has, in large concentrations, been linked to an increased risk of lung cancer. Risk Management & Safety has tested many of the University's buildings for radon over the past 20 years, and has not seen anything exceeding the EPA Action Level of 4.0 pCi/liter. If you would like to know the results of a study in a specific building, or would like a test/retest conducted, please contact us at riskman@nd.edu. Areas most likely to have an elevated level are basements or ground floors.

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complyND

The complyND team has developed some quick tips to help you answer questions you may have about the system. These tips include what browsers are supported, how to start a training course, completing a training assignment, and creating a training (ad-hoc) assignment. For more information on these tips and other helpful items such as User Guides and How To Videos, please visit [complyND](#).

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SAFETY ALERTS

At Notre Dame:

Needle Stick

An employee received a needle stick from a hypodermic needle while repairing a sink drain stopper. After reaching into the sink to hold/remove a stopper, the employee was pricked by a needle that was beneath the sink stopper. For more information see [Needle Stick](#).

Elevator Laceration

An employee was injured when their hand was caught between the closing doors of a service elevator resulting in a laceration that required over 30 stitches. For more information, see [Elevator Laceration](#).

Thumb Tip Amputation

An employee's right thumb tip was amputated while attempting to perform routine preventive maintenance on a return fan. The return fan had been de-energized, but was "free wheeling" due to building air flow as the supply had not been de-energized. While removing the fan guard, the employee's glove was pulled into the rotating flywheel amputating the right thumb tip without bone loss. The employee was treated at a local hospital. For additional information see [Thumb Tip Amputation](#).

At Other Universities:

Battery Fire - Boise State

Lithium batteries left unattended while charging caused a fire at Boise State University. Lithium batteries can be hazardous when they are overheated or overcharged and should be stored away from combustible materials. For more information see [Fire at BSU](#).

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TRIVIA CONTEST

For a work related injury at the University, name two common medical providers besides the Wellness Center and Pharmacy.

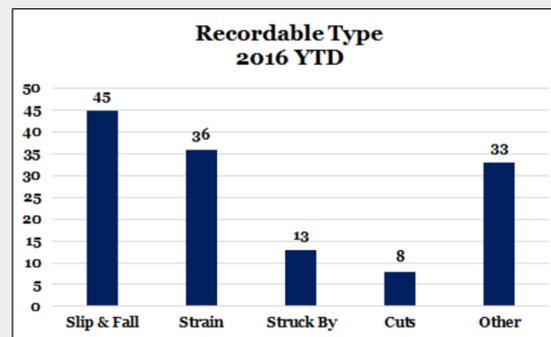
Hint: This information is available on the [RMS website](#).

A drawing will be made from all the correct responses sent to riskman@nd.edu by December 22, 2016. A prize will be awarded and the winner will be announced in our next issue.

Congratulations to **Lisa Yates**, the winner of our September Trivia Contest. She defined flashpoint correctly with the following: "The minimum temperature at which a liquid or a solid emits vapor sufficient to form an ignitable mixture with air near the surface of the liquid or the solid."

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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Contaminated Wipes

Wipes contaminated with solvents or oils must be managed by University personnel per Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requirements. IDEM considers wipes to include: a shop towel, rag pad, or swab made of wood pulp, fabric, cotton polyester blends, or other materials; gloves and clothing are also considered under this rule. These contaminated wipes can either be laundered by RMS approved vendors or picked up for disposal by RMS. Wipes must be contained in closed drums with labeling that says "Solvent Contaminated Wipes" or "Used Oil-Contaminated Wipes" depending on the drum's content. Storage of these wipes in drums on campus shall not exceed 180 days. Please contact Jason DeWispeleare with questions at jdewispe@nd.edu.

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