



SAFETY ALERT

Campus Incident—Laceration

RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

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Description

While entering the driver's side of a golf cart, an employee's leg struck against a sharp edge on the outside of the vehicle resulting in a laceration. The employee went to the Wellness Center for medical treatment and received 16 stitches resulting in lost time from work.

Findings

- The vehicle was new with no modifications made to it.
- The vehicle was parked on uneven ground, exposing a part of the frame the would have normally been protected on level ground.
- There were sharp edges present on the frame due to method of how it was welded together.

Root Causes

- The vehicle was parked on uneven ground.
- Other utility vehicles driven by the employee had been parked on uneven ground without incident. Employee anticipated same outcome with new vehicle.

Recommended Actions

- Communicate that all drivers park on level ground.
- Inspect other vehicles for sharp edges and buff and caulk as necessary.