



# SAFETY ALERT

## Campus Incident—Laceration

RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

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**Category:** Machine Safety  
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### Description

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 to close.



### Findings

- The elevator doors close vertically by manually pulling on a canvas strap.
- The elevator design does not prevent a person from placing a body part in the doors' pathway.
- There are no signs indicating that the doors pose a potential hazard.

### Root Causes

- Elevator design does not prevent occupants from placing body part in closing doors' pathway

### Recommended Actions

- Conduct job hazard analysis within departments that use service elevators.
- Review safe operation of service elevators with all affected staff.
- Affix high-visibility warning tape on interior and exterior of vertically closing doors in all freight elevators