

# Environmental Health & Safety

## Safe Spot

Your university safety newsletter



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### Snow and Ice on their Way

Each year at UNB, winter arrives; and each year, that creates slippery conditions for both walking and driving. While Facilities Management staff endeavor to keep the campus as safe as possible, it must be understood that some onus remains with each of us.

**When on foot** – one of the most important factors in keeping safe through the winter months is seasonally appropriate clothing and, in particular, **footwear**. Your only points of contact with the ground should be your feet, and proper winter footwear can play a critical role in keeping you upright this winter. Warm clothing and a proper coat will also keep you from being in such a hurry and rushing over slick surfaces.

Please immediately share information of slippery locations with co-workers and, just as importantly, Facilities Management (453-4889 [fm@unb.ca](mailto:fm@unb.ca)). If kept informed of problem areas, FM will address the issue promptly. If you do have the misfortune of a fall, please submit an accident report when you can (within 24 hours, [online form](#)), and phone Security for assistance as required (453-4830).

Finally, while walking (and parking a vehicle), please pay attention to building roof lines and edges; snow and ice can often fall from these areas with great force.

**When in a vehicle** – it often takes years of practice to begin to understand what driving on snow and ice means, and the tactics that can be employed to mitigate the effects. Luckily, easy and effective first lessons are to **slow down** and provide lots of **space** between you and everyone else.

Also, if you do bring a vehicle to campus, please ensure you understand the rules established to allow proper snow clearing operations. Students and those parking for extended periods of time should ensure their vehicle is moved periodically to prevent slippery patches and visibility concerns from developing around a static point. [Map](#) and [Regulations](#) for Parking.

**If you do fall or are otherwise injured** – you must complete a UNB Accident Report Form within 24 hours, and, if treatment is required (first aid inclusive or more) notify Security immediately at 453-4830.

UNB Report – <https://es.unb.ca/apps/accident-report/>

Parking – <https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/security/parking-rules/index.html>

### WHMIS 2015 Mandatory

December 1st 2018 is the deadline in New Brunswick for compliance with WHMIS 2015 Legislation.

If you are uncertain whether you are ready, please contact Andrew ([afeicht1@unb.ca](mailto:afeicht1@unb.ca)) immediately to confirm. WorkSafeNB will begin audits shortly, and there is no clear indication when they will arrive at the University.

### Posters on Campus

By order of the Fire Marhsall: **Paper, artwork or other combustible materials shall not exceed 20% of the wall area in corridors, classrooms, gymnasiums or cafeterias. There shall be no paper or combustible material on the walls or ceilings in stairwells. Paper and/or combustible materials are also not permitted around stairwell doors, classroom doors or exit doors. If bulletin boards are installed in the corridors this shall be the only area where combustibles will be permitted and the 20% wall area is applicable for coverage.**

### Space Heaters on Campus


If you use a space heater on campus, are you aware that you require a separate electrical circuit (breaker) to ensure safe use.


Owners of any such unit should contact Facilities Management prior to use to ensure that the plug they intend to use is safe.

Phone 453-4830 and ask for the electrical shop.


#### Training Sessions:

 Radiation Safety – By request

 First Aid (2-day) – Register now

 First Aid Refresher (1-day) – Register now

#### Waste Collections:

 General Hazardous – May 2019

For more information:

Contact Kim, 453-5075, [safety@unb.ca](mailto:safety@unb.ca)

*The Environmental Health and Safety Office is a resource available to the UNB Community.*

*Please never hesitate to seek help or advice.*