

BACK TO SCHOOL AWARENESS

Purpose: Review seasonal hazards and heightened awareness needed as campus activity increases during the back-to-school period.

KEY HAZARDS & AWARENESS POINTS

- **Increased Pedestrian Traffic** — Thousands of students return to campus. Expect heavy foot traffic near crosswalks, bike lanes, and building entrances. Slow down in service vehicles.
- **Distracted Pedestrians** — Students on phones, wearing earbuds, or unfamiliar with campus layout may step into work zones unexpectedly.
- **Bicycle & Scooter Conflicts** — E-scooters and bicycles increase significantly. Maintain awareness at intersections and loading zones.
- **Heat Exposure** — August temperatures in Tucson regularly exceed 100°F. Hydrate, use shade, and follow the university heat illness prevention plan.
- **Work Zone Visibility** — Ensure barricades, signage, and cones are in place and visible. New students may not recognize construction or maintenance boundaries.
- **Delivery & Loading Conflicts** — Move-in week and vendor deliveries create congestion at docks and service roads. Coordinate timing with Facilities Management.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What areas on your route have the highest pedestrian traffic during the first weeks of the semester?
2. How do you currently communicate with pedestrians or cyclists when operating equipment near walkways?
3. What additional PPE or controls might be needed for work zones near high-traffic areas?



PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

- Pre-plan routes to avoid high-traffic pedestrian corridors during class change times (typically :50 to :10 each hour).
- Use spotters when backing vehicles or operating equipment near walkways and building entrances.
- Increase signage and barricading around active work zones for the first four weeks of the semester.
- Schedule noisy or disruptive work outside of peak pedestrian hours when possible.
- Brief all crew members on campus speed limits (15 mph on service roads) and yield-to-pedestrian policies.
- Keep hydration supplies stocked and enforce mandatory shade breaks per the UA Heat Illness Prevention Plan.

Remember: If you see an unsafe condition or near-miss involving pedestrians, report it immediately to your supervisor and submit a report through the UA Safety Hotline.

ATTENDANCE & SIGN-OFF

Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Department / Unit: _____ Location: _____

Employee Signatures:

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