



Lead, Serve, Support

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## SAFETY PRACTICES: DON'T LET EVERYDAY SITUATIONS FOOL YOU

We all feel different levels of safety depending on the situations we are in. Our level of safety awareness is directly related to our level of comfort in our situation. We all must keep our safety awareness high, not only in situations we perceive as dangerous, but also in situations we perceive as normal or non-hazardous. Our main goal at NCESD Safety Services is to make sure employees get home safely and uninjured so they can enjoy the time off they've worked so hard to get. Please review the following information to ensure you are not exposing yourself to unnecessary risks at work.

**Driving-** We all drive on a daily basis, do your part to ensure when you are driving district, or our own vehicles, you are aware of your surroundings and environment.

1. Ensure windows are clean and free of obstructions.
2. Drive defensibly, even if it's not your fault, you're still injured.
3. Turn your headlights on even during daylight hours to be seen.



**Classroom-** The often overlooked or unseen hazards in our classroom can create our biggest hazards. To protect yourself always be aware of:

1. Items left on the floor. Have students put away backpacks, coats, books, and binders to reduce tripping hazards.
2. Unsecured cords running across the floor.
3. NEVER use furniture as a ladder or stepping stool.



**Operations-** Our school buildings are complex buildings to maintain and clean. Custodial and maintenance personnel face hazards teachers do not.

1. Ensure your ladders are in good condition before every use, always use the right ladder for the task you are performing.
2. Read safety labels and SDS on all chemicals you are using to know the hazards and how to protect yourself.
3. Pre-plan tasks to ensure you do not injure yourself, ask for help.

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