# NU Monthly Safety Newsletter

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## Rights of workers

- 1. The right to know about health and safety matters.
- The right to participate in decisions that could affect their health and safety.
- 3. The right to refuse work that could affect their health and safety and that of others.



#### **Concussions**

# **Concussion Facts:**

- A Concussion is a type of brain injury.
- Common causes of a concussion include falls, motor vehicle accidents and sports and recreational activities.
- Signs and symptoms of a concussion can include headache, dizziness, nausea, light or sound sensitivity, ringing in the ears, irritability, fogginess, difficulty concentrating or confusion.
- Signs and symptoms that are indicative that immediate medical attention is required can include: loss of consciousness, persisting and worsening headache, slurred speech and repeated vomiting.
- **Prevention**: Wear a seatbelt while driving, wear recommended equipment and proper footwear when taking part in any physical activity.

## After a confirmed concussion:

- Rest and Sleep at least 8 to 10 hours in a 24-hour period.
- Have someone check on you to ensure your symptoms are not worsening.
- Avoid screen time.
- Take a break from mentally demanding activities such as work, reading and computer use.
- Avoid bright lights and loud noises.
- Stay Hydrated.
- Eat a light, healthy diet.
- Avoid alcohol consumption.
- If symptoms still worsen, please seek medical attention.

