

VI - COMMON RISKS TO STOKES NATURE CENTER

It would be impossible to outline all of the possible risks and hazards to Stokes Nature Center's operations in a single document. Therefore this section merely attempts to address some of the most common exposures that staff and managers are to be aware of. By having the Education Director review and revise this list each spring, prior to staff training, they will design training events that put focus on the most common risk areas.

Risk in Office Environments

- Lifting injuries - improper lifting, inadequate staffing, poor judgment.
- Slips, Falls and Dropped Objects
- Repetitive task injuries
- Personnel Issues (grievances, bullying, etc)
- Crime Prone Environments – external environmental risks

Risks with Vehicles

- Motor vehicle accidents
- Participant/staff struck by vehicle

Risk in Field Programs & Youth Programs

- Camping Injuries
 - Burns and cuts
- Environmental & Wilderness Factors
 - Cold Exposure
 - Slips and Falls
 - Lightning
 - Water Hazards (boating, river crossing, floods, etc)
 - Wildlife Encounters
- Participant & Staff Related Risks & Hazards
 - Medical and Pre-existing medical conditions
 - Missing Persons
 - Behavioral Issues
 - Drug and Alcohol Issues
 - Risks Associated with Minors