

Injuries—Caused by Students

We had to add a column to our internal worker compensation reports a few years back because of the injuries of employees caused by students.

Here are some examples:

- There were many—struck by balls during recess
- Doors opened by students into staff
- Being run into or knocked down by students in the hallway
- Strains from leading a student by the hand and the student suddenly dropping to the floor



Remember—you are outnumbered.....(smile)

- Their behavior is different than adults (or we hope that there are not any adults that behave like children)
- They change their course of direction quickly (and often with no reason known to us)
- Their idea of personal space is different than that of an adult
- Their reasoning skills are not fully developed (again we hope that as an adult those skills will be fully functional)

How do you keep from being injured?

Pay attention to your surroundings at all times

- The playground during recess may not be the time to have an involved talk with a co-worker
- Do not assume that the hallway is a sedate area
- Walk out of the range of the door opening (you never know when Kramer is on the other side)

