TRIPPING HAZARD AWARENESS: LOOSE WIRES AND CABLES

Loose wires or cables from phones, internet connections, laptops, computers and various office and lab equipment can create tripping hazards if stretched across walkways or paths where people walk. People can get their feet caught in the cords and they can trip. Not only can they get hurt, but equipment can be damaged also.

- Wires that protrude into the aisle pose a tripping hazard.
- Wires stretched across pathways or on the floor can cause people passing by to trip.
- Eliminate trip hazards from loose wires by removing wires that are not needed.
- Secure cords with zip ties to reduce slack and keep wires together.
- Relocate wires under or behind furniture or equipment so they are out of the way.
- If cords must be stretched across the floor, cover, tape or otherwise secure them to the floor. This will prevent people from getting their feet caught under the cord and tripping.
- Place device and overhead or retractable cords on desktop surfaces instead of on the floor.
- Contact IT at extension 2199 if you need cable management help in your area.
- Contact Building and Facilities at extension 2336 if you require additional electrical outlets.

Post this information in your area for future reference.

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