



AEA SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Suicide prevention is not just a community issue — it's a workplace safety priority.

Employers play a critical role in recognizing warning signs, reducing stigma, and creating an environment where employees feel safe speaking up. A simple check-in, a supportive policy, or a clear reporting pathway can make a meaningful difference in someone's life. Building awareness helps ensure every employee knows they are valued, supported, and never alone.



[SAMHSA.Gov Suicide Prevention Resources](https://www.samhsa.gov/suicide-prevention-resources)

[988 Suicide Crises Helpline-Printable pdf](#)

[NAMI.ORG Suicide Preventions Resources](https://www.namli.org/suicide-preventions-resources)



Back-to-school season brings a surge of buses, young cyclists, and new teen drivers on the road. Slow down, stay alert, and watch for kids near schools, playgrounds, and neighborhoods. Always stop for flashing red bus lights and for any vehicle paused at a crosswalk — children can appear quickly and unpredictably.

[**School Bus Law & Safety-Printable PDF**](#)

Emergency Response for Water & Wastewater Utilities



- ✓ [EPA Emergency Response for Water & Wastewater Resources](#)
- ✓ [Emergency Preparedness - Natural, Chemical, Disease and Toxins](#)
 - ✓ [Incident Action Check Lists](#)
 - ✓ [Preparedness Starts at Home](#)



September Incident Discussion

During a routine inspection of the clarifier walkway, an operator leaned over the handrail to check scum-skimmer alignment. A sudden gust of wind combined with algae slick on the grating caused him to lose footing. He slipped sideways, striking his head on the railing post before catching himself and avoiding a fall into the basin. The impact resulted in a mild concussion, and the incident underscored how quickly conditions can change around open-water structures.

[Concussion Alliance.org resources](#)



[CDC Traumatic Brain Injury & Concussion](#)

[OSHA Near Miss Incident Template](#)

[OSHA Severe Injury Reporting](#)

If you have any safety or risk management issues the AEA Safety Committee is here to help!

Need answers or resources email JKessler@acua.com or Karen@aeanj.org

Our committee meets quarterly if you would like to join us!

Our next scheduled Zoom meeting is Friday, October 16th at 10:00 am

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