

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Fort Worth District  
Safety & Occupational Health Office**

## **Lessons Learned**

**ACCIDENT:** Non Corps Employee, Struck by stacked tables

**Date:** 20 November 2001

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Tables removed from the first floor training room were stacked in the hallway along the west wall during the day. A Non Corps employee visiting the first floor of the Federal Building Post Office passed by the tables that slide onto her leg causing her to fall, hitting her head and face on the floor and injuring her leg. She was transported from the Federal Building by ambulance.

**CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

CASU employees had removed the tables and chairs (which roll and lock together) from the first floor training room for the Team Recognition Presentation. The tables were stacked 13 high in the hallway along the west wall. It is possible that others may have disturbed the tables prior to the accident.

**RESULTS:** Injury to leg, head and lip.

**LESSON LEARNED:** Tables shall not be stacked in areas exposing anyone to falling hazards. When the chairs are removed from training room, CASU should be notified as soon as possible to ensure chairs are placed back in room no later than the end of the workday.