

## HSEM ALERT

### Slips, trips and falls on stairs

#### Who needs to read this?

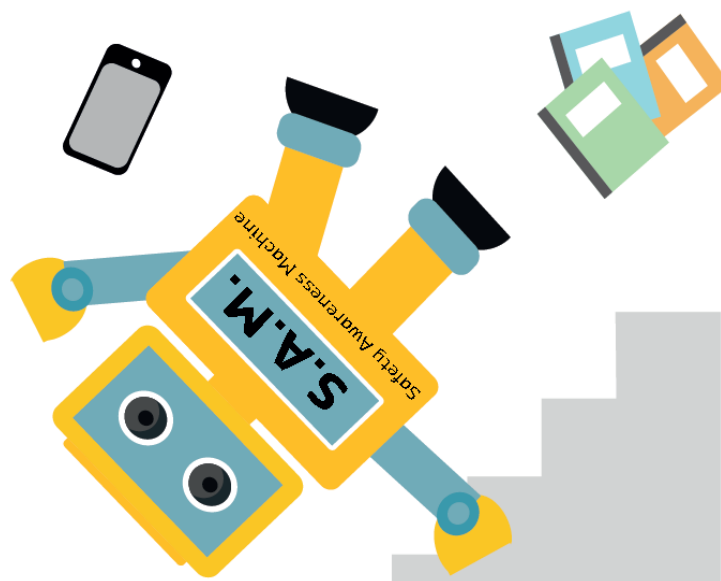
All Curtin University Staff, Students and Contractors

#### Details

Slips, trips and falls still account for a large proportion of injuries at Curtin with many of these occurring on stairs.

Slips, trips and falls on stairs can occur due to:

- damaged or non-compliant stairs;
- poor lighting;
- poor contrast strips on the stairs;
- debris or water on the stairs, and/or;
- people ascending and descending the stairs while distracted.





## What can you do?

When using stairs:

- Always use the handrail.
- Do not be distracted (eg: phones or other devices).
- Consider removing any bifocal or multifocal glasses that alter your depth perception.
- Report any hazards you identify with steps/stairs/surfaces, by using the [C.H.A.R.M](#) portal online, or by downloading the [PocketSafety App](#) available for Apple and Android devices.

## Who do we call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Health, Safety and Emergency Management on 9266 4900 or email [healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au](mailto:healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au).

## References

AS 1428.1 Design for access and mobility: General requirements for access - New building work

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