



# HSEM ALERT

## Slip, Trips, Falls and Augmented Reality Games

### Who needs to read this?

Curtin University Staff and Students.

### Background

Augmented reality games require players to get out into the community to explore landmarks, public places and neighbourhoods. With the introduction of the new Pokémon GO app, the University is experiencing heightened pedestrian traffic as the Pokémon naturally congregate around the landmarks, art pieces and public spaces of the campus.

The total number of incidents reported at Curtin University in 2015 was 301, of these 239 resulted in an injury to a person. Slips, trips and falls accounted for 94 or 40% of these injuries. Slips may occur when a person's foot loses traction with the ground surface due to wearing inappropriate footwear or when walking on slippery floor surfaces such as those that are highly polished, wet or greasy. With the game user moving in the real world but their focus on the augmented reality, there is potential for slips, trip and falls to increase.

While Pokémon GO is the game of the moment, augmented reality games are becoming more popular. Below are some recommendations to play safe.

### Recommendations

Tips to stay safe while navigating around Campus and in the community

- Stick to the paths and walkways and keep your eyes on where you are walking
- Wear appropriate footwear and walk (don't run) around campus!
- If any person sees a potential physical infrastructure hazard that may result in a slip, trip or fall, they are to contact the Properties, Facilities and Development (PF&D) Call Centre on ext. 2020 or lodge a **service request** via the [online form](#).

All **urgent requests** should be directed to the PF&D Call Centre by calling ext. 2020, particularly if there is a significant risk to a person.

- Don't drive and play! Aside from it being illegal to use your mobile device whilst driving, if you're driving your car during gameplay, you put yourself and others at risk.
- Be aware of intersections and busy roads: Sometimes the excitement of the game takes over our common sense. Please look both ways before crossing and avoid standing in the middle of busy roads. No game is worth being hit by a car.

- Play in pairs or in a group. There is safety in numbers.
- Remember: It's just a game!

### **Who do we call with questions?**

If you have any queries, please contact HSEM on 9266 4900 or [healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au](mailto:healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au).

### **References**

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