

Prevent Struck By Injuries from Students



Working with student can sometimes get physical. Here are some ideas to avoid getting stuck by students:

✓ Pay Attention to Behavioral Warning Signs

- Significant changes in normal behaviors or routines
- Sudden changes in expression or posture
- Increase or change in voice, volume or tone
- Expression of anger or distress
- Communication of despair or hopelessness
- Intimidating or threatening body posture
- Verbal or physical threats

✓ Defuse Hostile Behavior

- Use a Quiet, Calm, Confident Voice
- Maintain a calm, confident body posture
- Maintain your personal space
- Stand at an angle to the student to deflect any blow
- Arrange your desk so you are not locked into a corner and can exit immediately
- Use a code signal to get help from co-workers