

## The Path Less Traveled

While we have all been encouraged to take the path less traveled in life, let's make sure the path directly in front of us is free of hazards.



In the last month Wallops has had 2 reported slips. How many slips, trips, and falls do you think go unreported? When is the last time you slipped or tripped?



The cold weather can make for icy parking lots, and something as mundane as getting in or out of your car can become hazardous. Watch out for ice in parking lots and entering building when you come to work.

As we move into spring we will leave behind the ice, but new hazards will present themselves. Keep an eye out for uneven surfaces and sidewalks, and pay attention when walking through the grass or sand for holes and tripping hazards.



In the office watch out for changes in elevation, loose carpet and uneven rugs. Keep walkways clear of cords, cables, and clutter.

Please call in any hazards you see to the HELP desk, 757-824-4357. If you can, safe the area. Take care of housekeeping items as you see them, or mark the hazard and notify others in the area.

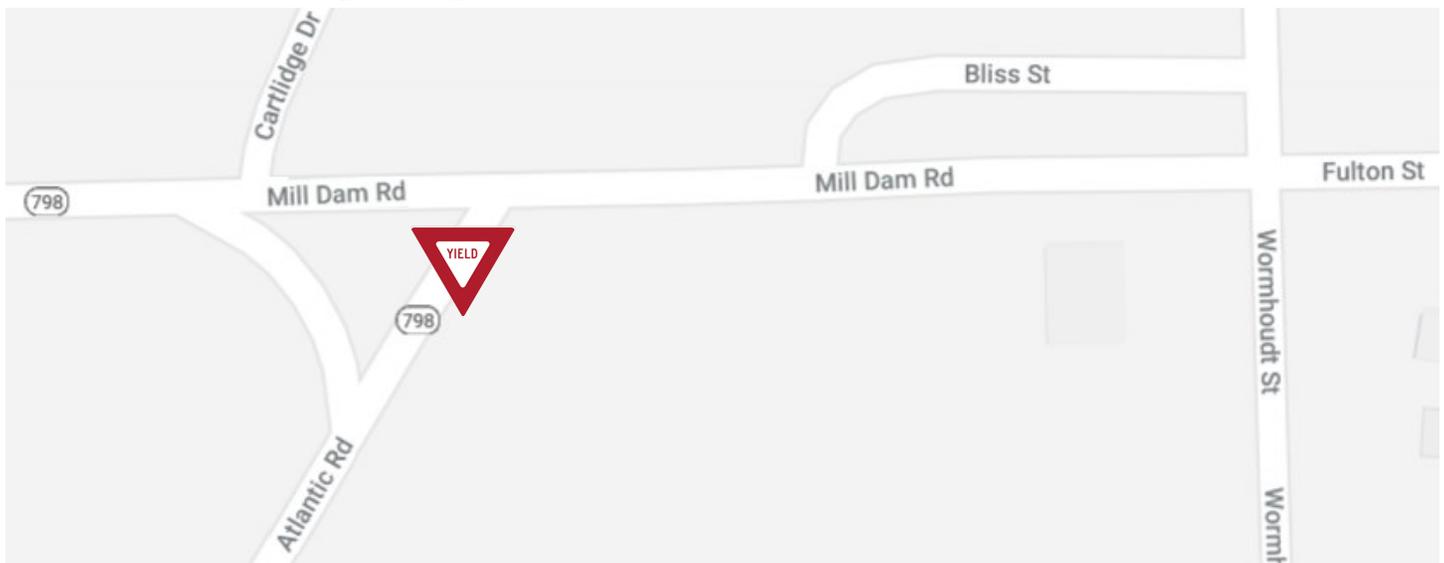
Check out this funny Slips, Trips and Falls video by Confederation College:

[Slip Trip & Fall - Funny Safety Video from Confederation College](#)

Don't be like Kevan  
Slips, Trips, and Falls can be avoided.

## Traffic Violations

Ensure that you are not creating a hazard by obeying the posted traffic signs entering the WFF Main Base Gate. You are required to yield on Atlantic Road at the intersection with Mill Dam Road.





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## Water Line Breaks

An accumulation of wear on underground drinking water lines eventually leads to a water line break. Water line breaks occur most frequently in the winter due to rapid fluctuations in ground temperature, although they can occur at any time of the year. Signs of a water line break include an unusual pooling of water on the ground surface, which migrates to the surface from the broken pipe, and resultant loss of pressure in nearby buildings. If a water line break is suspected and repairs must be undertaken, water consumption in the affected buildings is restricted and the suspected area is then excavated in an attempt to locate the break in the water line.

During the time the water line break is repaired, and for approximately 48 hours following the repair, buildings served by the water line will be posted with signs informing building occupants not to drink the water. This is a precaution. Once the break is repaired, the line is super chlorinated to kill any pathogens that could have been introduced into the water lines. At this point, the drinking water in the buildings SHOULD be safe to use; however, in accordance with Virginia Department of Health policy, water use in the affected buildings is still restricted until two consecutive bacteriological samples, taken 24 hours apart, verify the absence of pathogenic bacteria.

If you suspect that a line break has occurred, please contact the WICC Help Desk. If you have questions concerning your drinking water quality, please contact Owen Hooks at x1941.



## 2019 Environmental Management System (EMS) High Priorities

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

NATURAL RESOURCES

SITE RESTORATION

SUSTAINABILITY

## Chemical Reuse Program



Did you know that Wallops has a Chemical Reuse Program?

Chemicals and/or Hazardous Materials which are no longer needed, but are still usable and not expired can be offered for reuse by other organizations at Wallops.

The Wallops Environmental Office will pick up these items along with their Safety Data Sheet and advertise their availability via a Wallops All email.

Please call the Hazardous Waste Hotline at x1718 or enter a Hazardous Waste ticket in MOSI Services at <https://mosi.ndc.nasa.gov/>

Each item requested for pickup is evaluated to determine if it is suitable for reuse.

If you have additional questions, please contact Doug Bruner at extension 2441.

## WICC II Environmental Task Review

When tasks are submitted through the Wallops Institutional Information Management System (WIIMS) for estimating, they are subjected to various areas of review before approval may be obtained. In 2016, the WFF Environmental Office (EO) implemented an Environmental Task Review module within the WIIMS database in order to provide effective and timely environmental review. This module provides an avenue for environmental review of all task orders entered into the WIIMS database. By implementing this feature within the WIIMS database, the EO is able to evaluate the environmental impacts of task orders and either provide environmental approval or request additional information. The WIIMS generates an automatic email to the task originator which also appears in the Notes section of the task order. All environmental review is performed independent of the task approval process and will not delay the Contracting Officer approval.

Remember, early notification to the EO is often critical to timely implementation of projects and missions. Many WFF projects require regulatory permits and/or approvals from state and federal agencies prior to the start of the project or the purchase of large equipment. Project delays may result if environmental permits and regulatory consultations are not addressed early in the project planning phase.

Please contact Shari Miller at x2327, if you have questions regarding the WIIMS Environmental Task Review or to discuss regulatory permits related to your project.

