

## Increased Risk of Sliding Cabinet Doors Falling

Multiple incidents have been reported on campus that involve sliding cabinet doors (glass and wood) coming off their tracks and falling. Falling doors have damaged multiple pieces of equipment, knocked over chemicals/samples, and resulted in multiple near-miss injuries.

**These incidents are attributed to multiple factors:**

1. Tracks becoming filled with debris,
2. Cabinet(s) filled above capacity,
3. Cabinet(s) is warped due to age; and,
4. Inadvertently pushing the cabinet door up and out of the track while sliding.

**Sliding cabinet doors that fall can result in crushing injuries, broken glass/lacerations, and damage to equipment/items where the cabinet door has landed**

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Inspect all sliding cabinet doors in your area to ensure:
  - Debris is **not** present in the tracks
  - Sliding door(s) is **not** fully or partially off the tracks
  - Cabinet(s) is not warped due to age or increased load
  - Contents in cabinet(s) is **not** impeding the ability to slide the door
  - Content in cabinet(s) is fully contained within the cabinet frame and **not** protruding out
2. Do **not** overload cabinets or shelves! Excessive weight may cause bowing of the cabinet which results in stress on tracks. If the cabinet(s) or shelf is overloaded - relocate items to another cabinet.
3. Submit a Work Order (FAMIS) to remove sliding doors that pose a potential falling risk or are not required. Be proactive to prevent future incidents!
4. If a closed cabinet is required for storage, move contents to cabinets with hinged doors,

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Heavy or hazardous contents should be stored at or below shoulder height.
- Avoid slamming or using force when sliding the doors.
- If a cabinet door becomes detached, complete an [Incident Report Form](#) found on the Health & Safety website.



Both glass sliding doors have come off their tracks, increasing the risk of it falling and potentially causing damage and injuries.

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