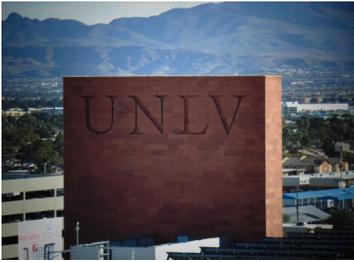


Rebel Risk Advisor

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INTRODUCTION: The Rebel Risk Advisor will provide timely information to various stakeholders throughout the campuses about risk and safety topics.

ARMANDO CAMPOS,
recipient of the **ON THE SPOT**
RMS Safety Award!!!!

RMS Website is Just a Click Away!

<https://www.unlv.edu/rms>

- ◆ Report a Safety Concern
- ◆ Locate an AED on campus
- ◆ Safety Data Sheets
- ◆ Safety Training
- ◆ Safety Units:
Environmental, Radiological,
Fire and Life, Occupational
- ◆ Insurance and Claims

When you think of cold weather safety you don't necessarily think of the desert. But in actuality, the Las Vegas Valley has seen its fair share of extreme weather. The average lows in the winter are in the upper thirties and on occasion, we have reached below freezing with a light dusting of snow.



These weather conditions can have a big impact on employees working in a cold environment which forces the body to work harder to maintain its temperature. Whenever temperatures drop below normal and wind speed increases, heat can leave your body more rapidly; the skin temperature and eventually the internal body temperature (core temperature) resulting in Cold Stress, and may cause tissue damage, and possibly death.

Just because we don't normally reach extreme cold temperatures doesn't mean we shouldn't be prepared. Cold weather can easily overtake us. It is important to remember that we should dress appropriately for the conditions around us. It's a good idea to dress in multiple layers and check the forecast to see what weather conditions you may be facing. For information on weather conditions and winter safety visit the National Weather Service website at weather.gov For information regarding Cold Weather Stress, visit <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/guides/cold.html>

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Armando Campos, Lead Electrician with Facilities Maintenance, is a go-getter, 100% team player, and instrumental to the Facilities Maintenance team. Armando has assisted RMS on numerous electrical concerns, and is extremely helpful in not only identifying the problem, but also providing a solution. Working as a team is crucial in Safety; to get the job done correctly, everyone must be on the same page. The RMS department greatly appreciates his efforts and willingness to keep UNLV safe.

In the Spotlight Meet the RMS Staff



Reginald "Reggie" Stewart is the Radiation Safety Specialist and Laser Safety Officer for Risk Management & Safety and has been with UNLV for over 10 years. Reggie has over 30 years experience in the field of radiation safety and worked for many years for the Department of Energy. Reggie supports and provides guidance to researchers who use radioactive materials, lasers, and radiation producing devices within their research.

Electrical Safety. Recently on campus, an employee received an electrical shock while inserting and removing plugs from an electrical outlet. Through use overtime, the outlet was pulled loose from the metal channel (raceway) and the employee attempted to insert it back into the opening. This action caused the metal raceway to cut the insulation on the electrical wiring, which in—turn, produced a shock to the employee when plugging in an electrical cord. Armando Campos, Facilities Maintenance, was able to identify the cause and direct his staff in correcting this issue. There are "lessons learned" from this incident that pertain to all of us when using electrical items. These include:

-  Never remove an electrical plug by pulling on the cord.
-  Always insert and remove electrical cords by holding onto the plug.
-  Never attempt to insert loose or protruding electrical outlets back into their openings.
-  Submit a request to your pertinent maintenance staff to repair loose or damaged electrical outlets, wiring and plugs.