At their December 2014 meeting, the UWRF Safety Committee approved 7 new goals for 2015. As we begin a new year, please show your support by providing encouragement to the committee, maintaining a safe campus and learning more about these important goals:

1. Perform 12 safety walkthroughs of main campus buildings and at least 6 walkthroughs of residence halls during 2015. Draft action plans for addressing safety concerns. (The results of this effort will also be reported to the Chancellor’s Cabinet as a component of the Division of Business and Finance dashboard.)

2. Participate in at least one safety walk sponsored by Student Senate.

3. Identify at least one safety process or program on campus that needs improvement and research a “Best Practice” model. Leverage aspects of health and safety to justify at least 4 campus projects during 2015.

4. Develop an injury reduction campaign for the campus that will focus on injury types that have the largest personal and financial impact.

5. Develop and present active shooter response education for the campus.

6. Focus on improving machine guarding and training in identified departments with woodworking equipment.

If you are not able to attend you are welcome to view the minutes which are available from Pam Rudesill each month. Or get put on an e-mail list to receive them.

Please thank the safety committee members for their important work: Dan Asp, Mark Lambert, Jennifer Weinert, Molly Matzek, Mike Hovestol, Jeff Milliren, Gail Pronschinske, University Police representative, Pam Rudesill, Dustin Andert and Karl Peterson. Connie Smith acts as an advisor and Mike Stifter is an ad hoc member.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the safety committee is welcome to contact Mike Hovestol, Chairperson, as new members are recruited each June.

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and the Bureau of State Risk Management will continue their program for reducing slips and falls during the winter months. The Slip and Fall Elimination or Be S.A.F.E. program features a penguin as the mascot. A lot can be learned from penguins if you follow their way of walking on snow and ice. Risk Management has 15 squishy little penguins that will be sent to the first 15 people who report a hazardous walking area to Risk Management (x.3344) so it can be treated by our Grounds crew. Help keep the campus safe for everyone by reporting bad spots! The grounds crew can also be reached directly x. 3820.

January is National Radon Action Month
Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible and odorless radioactive gas. One in 15 American homes contains high levels of radon. Radon causes lung cancer. By taking simple steps to test your home for radon and fix if necessary, this health hazard can be avoided. If your home hasn’t been tested for radon in the past two years, EPA and the Surgeon General urge you to take action. Check out the EPA website for more information. www.epa.gov/radon/ or for specific Wisconsin Information please visit: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radiation/radon/FinalEstPercentRadon.htm