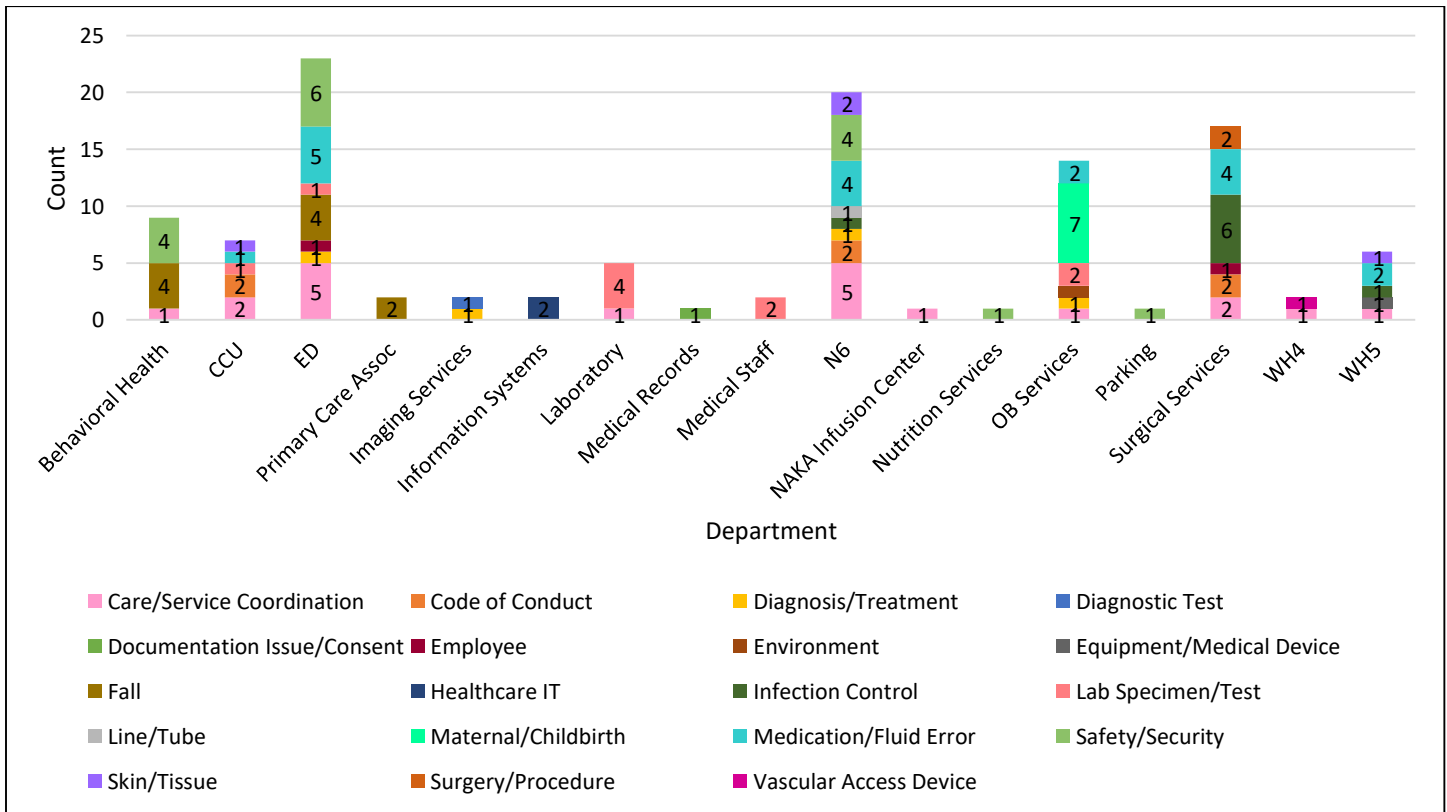


Last Week in Patient Safety

May 8-May 14, 2026

- For the week of May 8th to May 14th, **115** Safety Events were entered into Emerson’s electronic safety reporting system, RLDatix.
- **52%** of Safety Events entered were Near Miss Events.
- **32** of the Safety Events entered had a reporting severity rating of temporary, minor harm or higher.



Safety Highlight of the Week

All who handle hazardous materials must follow the Hazardous Materials Spill Procedures policy during every spill event. Recently, a hazardous chemical spill occurred where staff did not follow the required cleanup procedures. Before beginning cleanup, staff must put on the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety goggles, gloves, and shoe covers. Staff should also review the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for instructions on safely handling the specific material involved.

Spill kits are available throughout Emerson and contain absorbent materials designed for hazardous material cleanup. Staff must use a broom and dustpan to collect debris such as granular material or broken glass. After removing the spill, staff should clean the area with mild detergent and water to fully decontaminate the surface.

Place all spill-related waste, contaminated materials, and used PPE in a designated waste bag and attach a hazardous waste tag. Staff must also notify the Safety Officer and complete the spill log. Major spills require assistance from the Concord Fire Department.

Read the Hazardous Material Spill Procedures [here](#).