

Memorial's Trauma Department Hosts the First Trauma Awareness Week

The American Trauma Society, a national organization that advocates trauma care and trauma prevention, designates the month of May as National Trauma Awareness Month. As an effort to promote injury prevention and awareness to our hospital staff and patrons, The Department of Acute Care Surgery, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care hosted the first Trauma Awareness Week on May 13, 2008, through May 19, 2008. Each day during the week, the trauma department provided injury prevention information and activities on a trauma related topic. Topics included: fall safety, fire safety, helmet safety and motor vehicle and alcohol safety.

Activities during the week included demonstrations of proper ladder usage, simulation of alcohol intoxication by wearing fatal vision goggles and weaving through cones, free bicycle helmet and vials of life distributions. Smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and vouchers for motorcycle safety courses and motorcycle helmets were raffled off. The event was well attended by hospital patrons and the department looks forward to another successful event next spring.

