

# Handling Pike Poles

*Incorrect pike pole use can lead to injury. Examples of injury-causing incidents include:*

- Struck in the face by handle of pole
- Hands or fingers caught between pole and handrails, columns, or barriers
- Pole becoming lodged in moving equipment
- Slips and falls
- Pole whip from items landing on the pole
- Laceration/puncture from the sharp end of pole



Leaning over the handrail like this applies a large amount of stress to your back.

Don't apply excessive force, and maintain a proper stance



Never hold the pole with the handle in front of your body.

