

News for Women

High Heels: Friend Or Foe?

(NAPS)—Once might be a fluke, but when two Miss USAs in a row fall while walking in high heels, you know women everywhere have a problem. Both tumbles happened during the evening gown competition in 2007 and 2008.

The much-noted spills point out the dangers associated with wearing high heels. "Wearing them affects the entire body, particularly the knee, hip and spine," said Gerard W. Clum, D.C., president of Life Chiropractic College West in



Chiropractors suggest wearing heels two inches high or less.

Hayward, Calif. "The abnormal weight bearing and stressful posture induced by high heels can strain both the lower back and the neck—not to mention the feet, ankles and knees."

If high heels are a must, Dr. Clum advises not to wear them for more than two hours a day. So where does that leave fashion-conscious women? Well, no one's saying you have to stick to flats the rest of the time. Instead, doctors at the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress suggest choosing heels of two inches in height or less as a compromise.

For more information, please visit www.f4cp.org.

Did You Know?

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