

Workplace Safety

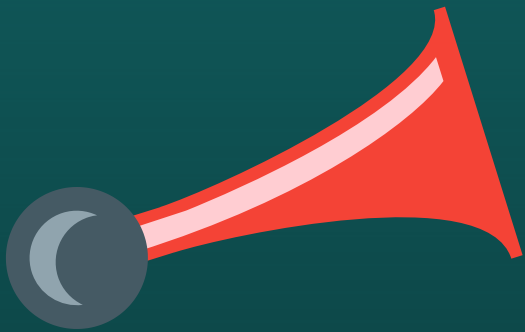


Workplace hazards

Some hazards are very obvious in a workplace like a broken ladder or a puddle of water on the floor, or scissors, but some are less obvious...



Lots of exposure to loud noise can cause hearing damage over time. You may not notice that this is a hazard at first but it will cause 15% of people some hearing loss.



YOU CAN CHANGE THE LAYOUT OF A WORKPLACE TO REDUCE NOISE AND IF NECESSARY, USE HEARING PROTECTION, LIKE EARPLUGS TO LIMIT EXCESSIVE NOISE.

chemicals and asbestos

Chemicals! Obviously chemicals can be very harmful to humans and there can be lots of different chemicals in a workplace.



Cleaning chemicals can cause headaches and some of them are even toxic.

Exposure to asbestos can cause asbestosis, lung cancer, or mesothelioma... scary stuff!



You can prevent chemical hazards by:

- making sure hazardous materiel is safely contained.
- carefully reading labels
- having proper safety training is always good! (workplace procedures ect.)

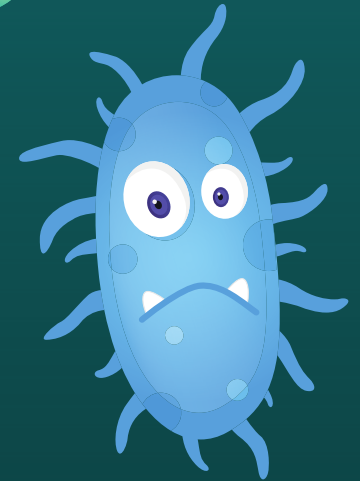
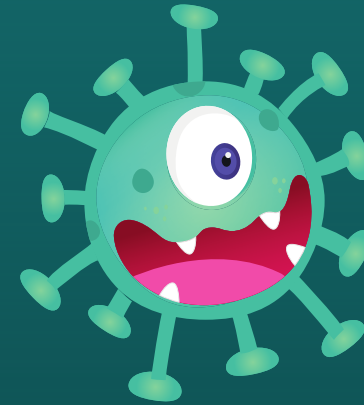


bacteria and viruses

Bacteria and viruses are what cause people to have to use up their sick days, and they are invisible until it's too late! They can be anywhere and they are contagious. If one person in the workplace gets sick, they put everyone else at risk.

- you should wash your hands often to avoid getting sick
- wash anything like cups or spoons that others might use in an office kitchen
- don't sneeze all over the place
- if you are really sick, stay home.

(this sounds like something for Covid-19!) :)



Your rights / responsibilities as a worker

- know about hazards in the workplace
- participate in health and safety activities
- refuse unsafe work

- following the safety requirements
- asking for training and clarification
- working safely
- correcting and reporting anything unsafe (ex. skydiving off office ladder after drinking too much coffee)
- reporting any injury



be smart
and stay
safe!

