

# READ THIS FIRST

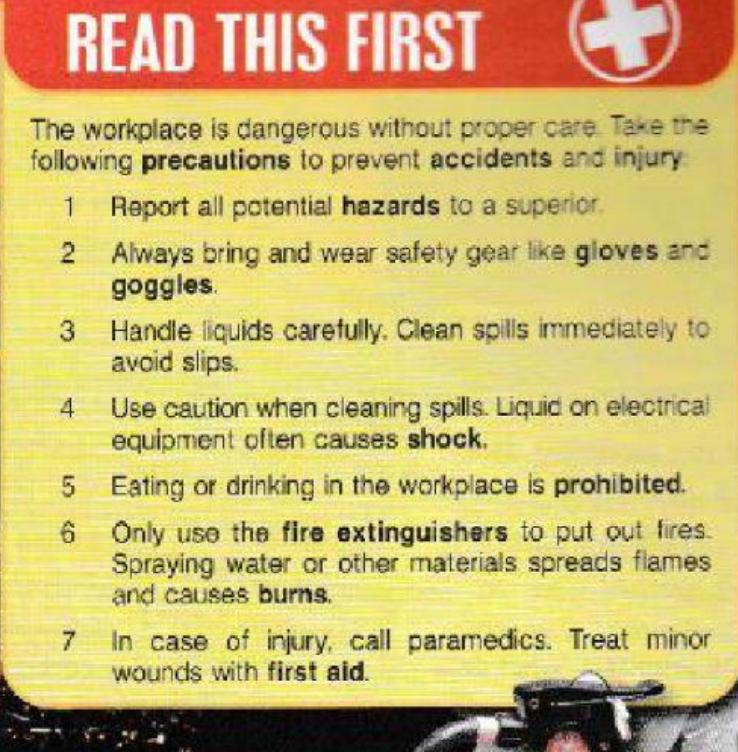


The workplace is dangerous without proper care. Take the following **precautions** to prevent **accidents** and **injury**:

- 1 Report all potential **hazards** to a superior.
- 2 Always bring and wear safety gear like **gloves** and **goggles**.
- 3 Handle liquids carefully. Clean spills immediately to avoid slips.
- 4 Use caution when cleaning spills. Liquid on electrical equipment often causes **shock**.
- 5 Eating or drinking in the workplace is **prohibited**.
- 6 Only use the **fire extinguishers** to put out fires. Spraying water or other materials spreads flames and causes **burns**.
- 7 In case of injury, call paramedics. Treat minor wounds with **first aid**.



accident



shock



## Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some ways to keep workplaces safe?
- 2 What should there be to ensure safety at work?

## Reading

2 Read the workplace poster.

Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the poster about?
  - first aid procedures
  - safety in the workplace
  - how to use a fire extinguisher
  - where to find gloves and goggles



fire extinguisher

- 2 What should employees do when they see a hazard?
  - wear safety gear
  - call the paramedics
  - tell a superior about it
  - get a fire extinguisher



- 3 What can you infer about this workplace?
  - Its fire extinguishers are new.
  - Its employees eat while working.
  - It provides safety for employees.
  - It has potentially dangerous equipment.

## Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

1	— gloves
2	— shock
3	— goggles
4	— burn
5	— fire extinguisher
6	— accident

A puts out fires  
B an unwanted happening  
C protect your hands  
D injury caused by electricity  
E protect your eyes  
F injury caused by a fire

4 Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks.

### Wordbank

precaution hazard injury  
prohibited first aid

- 1 Wearing goggles is a safety \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Sandals are \_\_\_\_\_ in the construction area.
- 3 Storing gas near open flames is a safety \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 He only needs \_\_\_\_\_ because his wounds are minor.
- 5 The paramedics can treat the \_\_\_\_\_.

5 Listen and read the poster. What can liquid on electrical equipment cause?

### Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between a supervisor and an engineer. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 \_\_\_ The woman accidentally started a fire.
- 2 \_\_\_ Charles was not wearing safety gear.
- 3 \_\_\_ The man put out the fire.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Supervisor: James, can I talk to you about the 1 \_\_\_\_\_ today?

Engineer: The 2 \_\_\_\_\_? Yes, of course.

Supervisor: So 3 \_\_\_\_\_ happened?

Engineer: Well, Charles was using the blowtorch.

Supervisor: Was he wearing 4 \_\_\_\_\_?

Engineer: He was. But his hand slipped and something on the table started burning. He was trying to put it out when his shirt caught on fire.

Supervisor: OK, and then he 5 \_\_\_\_\_?

Engineer: Right. I got a fire extinguisher and 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the fire.

### Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below, based on task 7. Then switch roles.

#### USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

*I want to talk about the accident.*

*And then he slipped.*

*They're a hazard.*

**Student A:** You are a supervisor. Ask Student B questions to find out about:

- an accident
- events
- safety precautions

Make up a name for your colleague.

**Student B:** You are an employee. Imagine an accident to answer Student A's questions.

Make up a name for your supervisor.

### Writing

9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to complete the supervisor's accident report (100-120 words). Write about:

- what accident happened
- how it happened
- what happened to the people involved

