

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

goggles

first aid

fire extinguisher

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?
 - A first aid procedures
 - B safety in the workplace
 - C how to use a fire extinguisher
 - D where to find gloves and goggles
- 2 What should employees do when they see a hazard?
 - A wear safety gear
 - B call the paramedics
 - C tell a superior about it
 - D get a fire extinguisher
- 3 What can you infer about this workplace?
 - A Its fire extinguishers are new.
 - B Its employees eat while working.
 - C It provides safety for employees.
 - D 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.

Word BANK

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

